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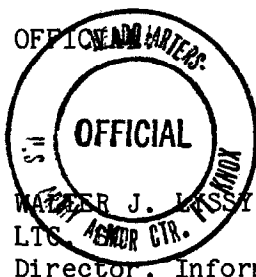
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**2. General.** The definitions are in plain language and, while correct, may not be entirely precise. Appendix A lists military terms, abbreviations, and acronyms which soldiers commonly use when talking about maintenance, weapons, tactics, or common subjects. Appendix B provides a listing of typical American expressions and idioms people use in class and daily activities. The listing is not complete. Expressions fall into disuse and new ones frequently come into being.

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## APPENDIX A.

## USAARMS COMMON TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND ACRONYMS

Cassette tapes of USAARMS Common Terms, Abbreviations, and Acronyms are available for use in the Professional Development Center, Skidgel Hall, Building 1724, Morande Street, Classroom 10.

ABRAMS	M1 Tank.
ACTIVE IR	Target acquisition system using an infrared search light to illuminate the target. Active IR sources can be detected by any passive IR or Thermal System. Most common Soviet night sight system.
ACR	Armored Cavalry Regiment.
ADA	Air Defense Artillery.
AFV	Armored Fighting Vehicle.
AFVID	Armored Fighting Vehicle Identification.
AGI	Annual General Inspection; once-a-year inspection for every unit.
AI	Assistant Instructor.
AIT	Advanced Individual Training; training enlisted personnel receive in their Military Occupational Specialty--their job.
ALO	Air Liaison Officer.
ALOC	Administration and Logistics Operations Center.
AMDF	Army Master Data File; required to record, maintain, and distribute supply management data between Army commands and units which need the materials.
AMMO	Ammunition.
ANCOC	Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course.
ANDERSON DEVICE	Cal .50 boresight device.
AOAC	Armor Officer Advanced Course.

AOAP	Army Oil Analysis Program; tells conditions of equipment (which use oil) through examination of the oil.
AOB	Armor Officer Basic Course.
AOB-RC	Armor Officer Basic-Reserve Component.
AOS	Add-On Stabilization; maintains gun tube on target while vehicle is on the move (a modification to the M60A1 tank).
APC	Armored Personnel Carrier.
APDS	Armor Piercing Discarding SABOT - a round of ammunition.
APERS	Antipersonnel.
APFSDS APFSDS/SABOT APDS/SABOT	Armor-Piercing Fin-Stabilized Discarding SABOT. See SABOT.
API	Armor Piercing Incendiary.
AR	Army Regulation.
ARTEP	Army Readiness Training and Evaluation Program.
ASL	Authorized Stockage List; a list of all items authorized to be stocked at a specific level of supply.
ASP	Ammunition Storage or Supply Point.
A/T or AT	Antitank.
ATGM	Antitank Guided Missile.
ATP	Ammunition Transfer Point.
ATTACHED	Temporarily assigned.
AVLB	Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge; tank-like vehicle that can launch and retrieve a bridge to assist in crossing obstacles.
BACKUPS	Extra vehicles which Training Requirement units maintain on site as replacements.
BAI	Battle Air interdiction.
BALLISTIC	Relating to a body in motion.

BALLISTIC RETICLE	An etching on a direct fire sight that corresponds to the known flight characteristics of a peculiar round of ammunition. The 105D telescope contains ballistic reticles.
BATTLESIGHT ZERO	Adjustment of a weapon's sights to achieve target hits at 250 meters.
BC	Bradley Commander.
BCQC	Bradley Crew Qualification course.
BCGST	Bradley Crew Gunnery Skills Test.
BCT	Basic Combat Training; training in basic military subjects and basic infantry combat given to new soldiers.
BDA	Before, During, and After; series of preventive maintenance checks and services (PMCS) the operator/crew perform on vehicles and equipment (the PMCS tables).
BDAR	Battlefield Damage Assessment and Repair.
BFA	Blank firing Adapter.
BHL	Battle Handover Line.
BII	Basic Issue Items; essential accessories and equipment required to operate a piece of equipment and to enable it to perform the mission.
BILI	Basic Issue List Item; same as BII.
BITE	Built in test equipment. Any device on the main equipment which tests the main equipment.
BMO	Battalion Motor Officer.
BMP	Boyevaya Mashina Pekhoty. Soviet infantry fighting vehicle.
BNCOC	Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course.
BOLO	Unqualified; No-Go.
BOT	Burst-on-target; a technique of adjustment using direct fire sighting.
BRADLEY	M2 Infantry Fighting Vehicle; M3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle.

BRDM	Boyevaya Mashina Razvedybatel'naya Dozornaya Mashina. Soviet combat reconnaissance patrol vehicle; also used as a carrier for antitank and air defense missiles.
BREWSTER	Tank-mounted training device using the M16 rifle.
BSA	Brigade Support Area.
BTMS	Battalion Training Management System.
BTR	Bronetransporter. One of a series of Soviet armored personnel carriers.
CAN POINT	Short for CANNIBALIZATION POINT; a place where old equipment is stored as the usable parts are taken off to be put on other equipment. (See cannibalize.)
CANNIBALIZE	A slang term for taking good parts off equipment to use on like equipment; to use soldiers from one or more units to complete the strength of another unit.
CAS	Close Air Support.
CEASE FIRE	A command to stop firing.
CENTER OF MASS	Center of visible target.
CEV	Combat Engineer Vehicle.
CFA	Covering Force Area.
CFL	Coordinated Fire Line.
CFV	Cavalry Fighting Vehicle (M3).
CFX	Command Field Exercise.
CHEATER BAR	A pipe or bar which attaches to the end of a wrench allowing more turning force (torque) to be applied to the wrench.
CHOCKED	External equipment which braces a vehicle, usually wood.
COAX	A machine gun aligned with the main armament of a tank or fighting vehicle; coaxial machine gun.
CMT	Company Maintenance Team.
COB	Close of Business.

COF	Conduct of Fire, a class; the methods to use tank weapons.
COFT	Conduct of Fire Trainer. A tank or Bradley gunnery simulator.
COI	Course of Instruction.
CONCEALMENT	Protection from observation.
CONCURRENT TRAINING	Training which is given with scheduled training.
CONUS	Continental United States--all the states except Alaska and Hawaii.
COOK OFF	A round that fires due to the heat of the weapon.
COVER	Protection from enemy fire.
CP	Command Post.
CPX	Command Post Exercise.
CS	Combat Support.
CSR	Controlled Supply Rate.
CSS	Combat Service Support.
CTMS	Commander's Training Management System.
CWS	Commander's Weapon Station.
CYCLE OF	The sequence of events pertinent to operation of a weapon.
DA	Department of the Army.
DAMWO	Department of the Army Modification Work Order; an improvement made to a piece of equipment. Sometimes just called MWO.
DA PAM	Department of the Army Pamphlet.
DARCOM	(United States Army Materiel) Development and Readiness Command; organization which develops, supplies, and maintains U.S. Army equipment systems (e.g., Tank-Automotive, Communications- Electronics).
DASH FOUR	DA Form 2408-4, the firing record in the tank logbook or book of information.
DASH TEN	DA Form 2408-10, an equipment register, an operator's manual.

Deadline	A slang term meaning the piece of equipment is not mission capable (NMC) or it cannot be operated.
DEFILADE	Protection from enemy fire or observation provided by hiding behind a hill, ridge, or bank. See HULL DEFILADE.
DEFL	Deflection, the distance left or right of a known point or zero on the azimuth indicator of a tank.
DISCOM	Division Support Command; a divisional unit normally added to another unit and responsible for providing division level supply, transportation, maintenance, medical, and other services for all elements of the division. For example, the battalion has its own supply, medical, food, and maintenance personnel.
DLOGS	Division Logistics System; a computer program which automates supply within a division.
DMMC	Division Materiel Management Center; division agency that operates the automated system that manages the division's assets and supplies.
DOD	Department of Defense; Department of U.S. Government consisting of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.
DODAAC	Department of Defense Activity Address Code; a six-digit computer address.
DRAGON	Medium Antitank Weapon. A U.S. wire-guided antitank missile, maximum range 1,000 meters.
DS	Direct Support; a mission requiring a force to support another specific force and authorizing it to answer directly the supported force's requests for assistance.
DS4/DS3	Names of advanced computer programs (and equipment) which improve computer-supported supply.
DU	Depleted Uranium.
DVR/DR	Driver.
DX	Direct exchange; supply method of issuing serviceable materiel for unserviceable, repairable, or accountable like items.
ECC	Equipment Category Code; a two-digit code used to identify the grouping for any particular item of equipment except commercial vehicles.

ECU	Electronics Control Unit.
EDRE	Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise.
EEI	Essential Elements of Information.
EFC	Equivalent Full Charge; used to measure gun tube wear in relation to type of ammunition fired.
EIR	Equipment Improvement Recommendation; an improvement made to equipment to make it work better.
EMI	Electromagnetic Interface; random electrical impulse that interferes with electrical circuits (radios, computers, etc.).
ETC.	Abbreviation for "et cetera." It means "and so on" or "and so forth."
ETM	Extension Training Materials.
EU	Electronics Unit.
EW	Electronic Warfare.
FAD	Force/Activity Designator; a Roman numeral designated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff which relates to the mission of the activity.
FARP	Forward Arming and Refueling Point.
FC	Field Circular.
FCX	Fire Coordination Exercise.
FEBA	Forward Edge of the Battle Area.
FHT	Field Handler Trainer.
FIST	Fire Support Team.
FLECHETTE	A small metal object resembling an arrow about 1.5 cm long used as a projectile and fired as one of 5,000 contained in an APERS (antipersonnel) 105mm round.
FLOT	Forward Line of Own Troops.
FM	Field Manual, a book pertinent to a specific subject, field of endeavor, or branch interest.



FORSCOM	(United States Army) Forces Command; command responsible for combat forces.
FOUO	For Official Use Only.
FPF	Final Protective Fire.
FRAGO	Fragmentary Order.
FSB	Forward Support Battalion; dedicated to a brigade.
FSCL	Fire Support Coordination Line.
FSO	Fire Support Officer.
FT	Firing Table; table or chart giving the data needed for firing a weapon accurately on a target under standard conditions and also the corrections that must be made for special conditions such as wind or variations of temperatures.
FTX	Field Training Exercise.
FY	Fiscal year - 12 accounting months (Oct - Sep).
GAS	Gunner's Auxiliary Sight.
GNR	Gunner.
GPS	Gunnery's Primary Sight.
GRILL DOORS	Access openings to engine compartments which have louvered doors to permit air flow.
GS	General Support; support given to the force as a whole and not to one specific unit.
GTA	Graphic Training Aid, a visual representation of a training point; an attention getter; military instruction charts, posters, transparencies, and simple printed training aids.
HANGFIRE	A round of ammunition whose powder charge has been ignited but which has not fired but which may fire unexpectedly. Do not open the cover of that machine gun without allowing the proper time for hangfire.
HANGING	Holding a mortar round preparatory to firing.
HAW	Heavy Antitank weapon (see TOW).
HEADSPACE	An adjustment peculiar to .50 caliber machine gun.

HEAT	High Explosive Antitank; a type of ammunition.
HELLFIRE	U.S. laser-guided antitank missile carried by the AH-64 Apache Attack helicopter.
HEP	High Explosive Plastic; a type of ammunition.
HET	Heavy Equipment Transport; a large truck with trailer for hauling heavy equipment like bulldozers and tanks.
HOT GUN	A weapon that has fired a specified number of rounds in a specific time period.
HULL DEFILADE	The lower part of the vehicle is in a covered and concealed position. Hull-down position.
HULL DOWN	See Hull Defilade.
HUMMA HUMMA	And so forth.
HVAPFSDS	Hyper-velocity Armor-Piercing Fin-Stabilized Discarding Sabot. A Soviet tank projectile.
HVFSDS	Hyper-Velocity Fin-Stabilized Discarding SABOT.
IAW	In accordance with, according to (for example, a regulation, SOP, etc.)
I-COFT	Individual Conduct of Fire Trainer; trains the individual soldier on the operation of a tank.
IFV	Infantry Fighting Vehicle (M2).
II	Image Intensification. A night sight system which amplifies visible light. U.S. "Starlight Scope."
IPB	Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield.
IPD	Issue Priority Designator; a two-position code which tells the supply agency how important a request is.
IR	Infrared; light not visible to the naked eye. See ACTIVE IR.
IROAN	Inspect and Repair Only As Necessary; a common sense maintenance technique whereby equipment is restored to operation by performing the minimum maintenance.

ISU	Integrated Sight Unit; a two-channel periscope which permits the vehicle commander and gunner to view targets at the same time. The ISU is mounted on the IFV (M2) and CFV (M3).
ITV	Improved TOW Vehicle; M901; an M113 armored personnel carrier mounting a TOW missile launcher set.
J BOX	Slang, an integral part of the vehicle communications system found at each crew station (used by tank crew examiners to hook into tank intercom).
JAAT	Joint Air Attack Team.
Job Order	Slang term for maintenance request. In the Maintenance Department, it relates to DA Form 2407 (Maintenance Request); but, it is a common term throughout the U.S. Army.
JUMP TOC	Used to maintain communication while the TOC is displacing.
KISS	Stands for "Keep it Simple, Stupid."
LASER RANGEFINDER	A Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation (laser). A device that determines the distance from its source to selected objects.
LAW	Light Antitank Weapon (M72 LAW).
LD/LC	Line of Departure/Line of Contact.
LDR	Loader.
LET	Launch Effects Trainer; a Dragon training device.
LIN	Line Item Number; used in supply management to identify operational characteristics which are the same for different models of similar equipment.
LLLSS	Low Light Level Sight System.
LO	Lubrication Order; shows points of lubrication on equipment and types of lubricant to be used.
LOI	Letter of Instruction.
LRF	Laser Range Finder.
LTA	Local Training Area.

MAC	1. Maintenance Allocation Chart; prescribes the maintenance level authorized to accomplish specific maintenance operations on military equipment; located in technical manual. 2. Military Airlift Command
MAIT	Maintenance Assistance and Instruction Team; this team helps unit commanders identify and solve equipment maintenance problems in their units.
MAW	Medium Antitank Weapon (see DRAGON).
MBA	Main Battle Area.
MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation.
METT-T	Mission, Enemy, Terrain, Troops, and Time Available.
MGS	Missile Guidance Set; a part of the TOW.
MILES	Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System.
MOCK-UP	A scale model.
MOPP	Mission Oriented Protective Posture.
MOS	Military Occupational Specialty; job specialty.
MOUT	Military Operations in Urban Terrain.
MOVER	Moving Target on a Range.
MRS	Muzzle Reference System.
MSB	Main Support Battalion; backup for a FSB.
MSR	Main Supply route.
MST	Maintenance Support Team.
MTA	Major Training Area.
MTDA	Modified Table of Distribution and Allowances.
MTOE	Modified Table of Organization and Equipment; see TOE.
MTP	Mission Training Plan.
MTT-C	Mounted Tactical Training - Cavalry.
MTT-T	Mounted Tactical Training - Tank.

MUTA	Multiple Unit Training Assembly.
MUZZLE	The projectile's point of exit from the barrel of a weapon.
MWO	Modification Work Order; see DAMWO.
M55 LASER	A training aid used as subcaliber firing device for tanks.
NAI	Named Area of Interest.
NBC	Nuclear, Biological, Chemical.
NCOER	Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report.
NCOES	Noncommissioned Officer Education System.
NCOIC	Noncommissioned Officer in Charge; the sergeant who is responsible.
NETT	New Equipment Training Team.
NICP	National Inventory Control Point; a computer at a commodity command which is responsible for inventory management of a group of items.
NIIN	National Item Identification Number; the last nine digits of the National Stock Number.
NINETEEN DELTA	19D; a personnel management identifying number applied to cavalry scout.
NINETEEN ECHO	19E; a personnel management identifying number applied to armor crewmen.
NLT	Not later than.
NMCM	Not Mission Capable Maintenance; a condition or status of an item of equipment meaning that it is not operationally ready because it requires maintenance work which must be accomplished at the organizational level of maintenance.
NMCS	Not Mission Capable Supply; the condition or status of an item of equipment indicating it is not operationally ready because required maintenance cannot be performed due to a supply shortage at the repair site.
NOE	Nap of the Earth; refers to low level flying.
NO/GO	Same as Bolo - Unqualified.

NOTT	New Organization Training Team.
NSN	National Stock Number; a 13-digit number assigned to every item within the Federal Government.
NTC	National Training Center.
NVG	Night Vision Goggles.
NVS	Night Vision Sight; an II, IR, or thermal sight.
OCOKA	Stands for Observation and Fields of Fire, Cover and Concealment, Obstacles, Key Terrain, Avenues of Approach.
OER	Officer Evaluation Report.
OIC	Officer in Charge; the officer who is responsible.
OIR	Other Intelligence Requirements.
OJT	On-the-Job Training; training whereby students or trainees acquire skills through actual performance of duties under supervision.
OPCON	Operational Control.
OPFOR	Opposing Forces.
OPORD	Operations Order.
ORF	Operational Readiness Float; equipment that needs to be replaced on a direct exchange basis; items of equipment that are not repairable or that are going to be nonoperational for a considerable length of time.
OSUT	One Station Unit Training.
PBO	Property Book Officer; an individual who maintains accountability for property on property books.
P-COFT	Platoon COFT - Platoon Conduct Of Fire Trainer; the platoon commander can talk to the other three tanks.
PDFC	Primary Direct Fire Control System.
PDO	Property Disposal Officer; is in charge of all salvage and disposal activities at an installation; is responsible for the receipt, care, and disposal of personal property.
PE	Practical Exercise.

PERSONNEL CARRIER	Sometimes called PC or APC, it is usually the M113A1/A2 vehicle. A motor vehicle, sometimes armored, used to transport troops and their equipment.
PI	Primary Instructor.
PIR	Primary Intelligence Requirements.
PLL	Prescribed Load List; parts that are stocked at the organization and are used, when needed, to replace parts that become unserviceable.
PM	Preventive Maintenance; the systematic servicing, inspection, detection, and correction of faults or failures before they develop into major defects or problem areas.
PMCS	Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services; inspection of an item of equipment by the operator to determine its ability to perform its primary mission.
POI	Program of Instruction.
POL	Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants; U.S. term for gasoline (benzine), oil, grease.
PREP	To prepare something.
PUP	Pop-Up-Point. Location where aircraft quickly gain altitude for target acquisition and engagement.
PYE WATSON DEVICE	A boresight device for tank main guns.
Q's	Quarterly services.
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control; a duty of management to ensure the correct quality and standards are maintained in a product or a job.
QE	Quadrant Elevation; instrument used to measure the elevation on the main gun.
QSS	Quick Supply Store; supply point maintained at direct support consisting of low-cost common hardware that is available to supported units with the minimum of paperwork.
RANGE FAN	The lateral distance between left and right boundaries of a firing range.
RAOC	Rear Area Operation Center.

RDD	Required Delivery Date; the date when materiel is required by the one who requested it.
RISE	Reliability Improved Selected Equipment; designation provided to a model of the M60A1 tank that had numerous improvements and modifications over the previous model.
ROUND	One unit of ammunition.
RPG	Rocket-Propelled Grenade.
RPM	Revolutions Per Minute.
RSR	Required Supply Rate.
R/T UNIT	Receiver/transmitter unit.
RX	Reparable Exchanges; an exchange of a broken item for a serviceable one.
SABOT	105mm round; a carrier that positions the core of a 105mm round, U.S. Army Armor, primarily an armor-defeating round (see APDS).
SAILS	Standard Army Intermediate Level Supply subsystem; the supply system used at installations (Army posts) where there is no division. Instead of DLOGS.
SAMS	Standardized Army Maintenance System.
SARSS	Standard Army Retail Supply System.
SAND TABLE	A table covered with a deep layer of sand on which war games are played.
SB	Supply Bulletin.
SECTOR	A given area of land responsible for.
SENSING	Mental notation of the strike of a round in relation to target. These observations can be included in fire commands as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. LOST. Neither tracer nor strike of the round seen by observer.</li> <li>b. OVER. Either tracer passed over target or the round struck behind target.</li> <li>c. SHORT. Tracer or round impacts between tank and its target.</li> </ul>



d. DOUBTFUL. That appears to be correct for range but passes left or right of target.

SF	Standard Form.
SHACKLE A COORDINATE	Put a coordinate in code. "I shack" means I am shackling my coordinates."
SHELREP	Shelling Report.
SIGHT ALIGNMENT	Alignment of the front sight post in the rear peep sight.
SIGHT PICTURE	That view that places the sight and target into position to score a hit.
SILHOUETTE TARGET	Target used on rifle ranges.
SINGLE/ MULTIPLE TARGET EXPOSURE	Showing the soldier single and multiple targets within a specified time limit.
SINK	Synchronization, the precise alignment of the gun and sights of a tank. Tanks should go to the "SINK" ramp before boresighting and zeroing them.
SITREP	Situation Report.
SMO	Squadron Maintenance Officer; see BMO, the officer responsible for maintenance in a battalion.
SMOKE	Fire command element for white phosphorous; result from firing same; screening agent to hide maneuver elements.
SNAKE BOARD	Slang for stout device; a training aid to train gunners to track a target using a curving line.
SOJT	Supervised On-the-Job Training.
SOP	Standing Operating Procedure; instructions on how a unit will accomplish a given function or mission.
SP	Self-Propelled or Start Point.
SPA	Skills Performance Aid; book which has pictures and detailed instructions to aid mechanic in working on equipment.
SPBS	Standard Property Book System.

SQT	Skill Qualification Test; an annual test in which enlisted people are required to demonstrate their abilities.
SSSC	Self-Service Supply Center; a consolidated point of distribution for specified usable supplies to units.
ST	Student Text.
STAB	Of, by, for, or using stabilization systems. This run will be in the "STAB" mode. Moving of main gun and turret separately from movement of chassis.
STE/ICE	(STE/ICE) Simplified Test Equipment/Internal Combustion Engine; a programmed green box which does electrical and mechanical tests on vehicles. It replaces several old pieces of test equipment.
ST. JOHNS	St. Johns Motor Pool.
STS	Stabilization Test Set.
STX	Situational Training Exercise.
SUBCALIBER DEVICE	Training device which uses smaller ammunition than normal.
TAC	Small command element farther forward; used as a forward tactical command element.
TACCS	Tactical Army Combat Service Support Computer System.
TAMIS	Training Ammunition Management Information System.
TAMMS	The Army Maintenance Management System; procedures prescribed in DA Pam 738-750, Maintenance Management Update.
TASK FORCE	Temporary grouping of units (Combined Arms) under a commander formed to carry out a specific mission.
TB	Technical Bulletin; a publication that contains technical information pertaining to weapons, equipment, and professional techniques.
TC	Tank Commander; slang for any vehicle commander.
TC	Training Circular.
TCAT	Third Class Armor Training.
TCGST	Tank Crew Gunnery Skills Test.

TCI	Tank Crew Instructor.
TCP	Traffic Control Point; place where traffic is controlled either by military police or by mechanical means.
TCQC	Tank Crew Qualification Course.
TDA	Table of Distribution and Allowances; a table which states the organizational structure, personnel and equipment authorizations, and requirements of a military unit to perform a specific mission for which there is no appropriate Table of Organization and Equipment.
TEAM CHIEF	Chief Instructor of an NCO Team organized to train a platoon.
TEC	Training Extension Course.
T&E	Training and Evaluation.
T&EO	Training and Evaluation Outline.
TELFARE	Tank Mounted Training Device.
TESTS	Turret Electrical System Test Set.
TEWT	Tactical Exercise Without Troops.
THERMAL	Sighting system that converts heat to visible light. Has limited ability to see through smoke and dust. Currently used on M1 and M60A3 tanks and M2/M3 fighting vehicles.
THREAT	Of or having to do with the USSR or its satellites in the Eastern Bloc.
TIMING	An adjustment peculiar to a weapon. The correct headspace and timing of the M2 machine gun are critical items.
TIRS	Terrain Index Reference System; a method of using grid intersections to indicate location.
TM	Technical Manual; a manual giving details about specific subjects which are necessary to accomplish required training. A TM also contains descriptions of materiel and instructions for the operation, handling, and maintenance and repair of the materiel and information and instructions on technical procedures.
TMDE	Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment.
TOC	Tactical Operation Center.

TOE	Table(s) of Organization and Equipment; a table which states the normal mission, organizational structure, and personnel and equipment requirements for a military unit.
TOT	Time on Target; technique for firing artillery of any kind to arrive on the target at a desired time.
TOW	Tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided missile. The U.S. heavy antitank weapon (HAW). Maximum range 3,750 meters.
TPDS	Training Practice Discarding SABOT.
TR	Training Requirement.
TRADOC	(United States Army) Training and Doctrine Command; command responsible for training.
TRAV	Traverse; movement of main gun/turret to right or left mechanically or manually.
TRAVERSE	To turn, e.g., traverse your turret to the rear; side-to-side or lateral movement.
TRIANGULATE	Marking target hits to determine the center of a three-round shot group.
TROUBLESHOOT	A term which means to find out the problem with a piece of equipment. (By reading in a "GO/NO GO" table, a mechanic can determine exactly where the fault lies).
TRP	Target Reference Point; an easily recognizable point on the ground used to identify an artillery target point.
TR SITE	Location of training requirement; unit's field site where recovery vehicles, etc., are located.
TR UNIT	Unit that provides equipment and/or personnel for student training.
TSC	Training Support Center.
TTM	Tank Turret Mechanic.
TTS	Tank Thermal Sight; an optical device that converts heat to optical resolution/imagery.
TU	Traversing Unit. A part of the TOW.
TURRET	The portion of a tank which is placed on the hull and which is capable of independent movement.

TVM	Tracked Vehicle mechanic; company or battalion mechanic.
U-COFT	Unit Conduct of Fire Trainer; four trainers work together as a unit.
UIC	Unit Identification Cody; computer name for a unit.
ULC	Unit Level Computer; computer hardware for the ULLS.
ULLS	Unit Level Logistics System; a computerized system which contains maintenance and supply management records.
UMCP	Unit Maintenance Collection Point; the first place where broken equipment is returned for repair during tactical operations.
UND	Urgency of Need Designator; letters A, B, and C, relating to how quickly a transaction is needed.
WATCH MY TRACER	Element of fire commands; indicative of direction.
WEAPONEER	Marksmanship simulator/trainer.
WET	Live firing condition of weapons or range.
WET BULB	A special thermometer; a temperature reading applicable to heat injury predictions.
WHITE LIGHT	Visible light, searchlight mode of operation; a part of a fire command; a type of engagement.
WILD DEVICE	Boresighting device.
WILEY TRAINER	A device used to simulate fire commands and crew duties.
WILLY PETE	Slang for white phosphorous.
WORM FORMULA	Formula used to determine width, range, and mils of and to targets when an unknown is present.
WP	White Phosphorous; a chemical ammunition element that causes smoke, fire, and chemical burns.
WSDC	Weapon System Designator Code; a two-digit code used to route supply transactions.
5 NORTH	Training area where AOB field training is conducted--training areas 8, 9, 10.

10-DAY WAR      10-day operation conducted during AOB.

105D            105D telescope; a ballistic reticle direct fire sight found on  
U.S. armor vehicles.

# APPENDIX B.

## AMERICAN EXPRESSIONS AND IDIOMS

B-1

<u>EXPRESSION</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
1. About face	To reverse a decision	The Captain had to make an <u>about face</u> in orders because of the sudden enemy attack.
2. About the size of	That's approximately correct	If the weather is good, we should arrive in North Africa on Tuesday. Isn't that <u>about the size of it</u> ?
3. Above board	Honest	He has advanced rapidly because he has always been <u>above board</u> .
4. Abreast of the situation	Know what is happening	These reports keep the General's Staff <u>abreast of the situation</u> .
5. Ace in the hole	A surprise; a surprise situation	The reserve force is the General's <u>ace in the hole</u> .
6. Acid test	Trial of value or quality through usage under the hardest condition; a thorough, conclusive trial	The <u>acid test</u> was to march 40 miles and still be ready to fight. That watch is supposed to be waterproof. Let's subject it to the <u>acid test</u> by leaving it in water several days.
7. Ack-ack	Antiaircraft artillery or its fire	The planes met a lot of <u>ack-ack</u> when they reached the target.
8. Ahead of the game	Have a gain or a profit; better than was expected	We'll be <u>ahead of the game</u> if we can get all the tanks ready to roll by noon tomorrow.
9. All for it	Agree entirely	This is a good plan and I'm <u>all for it</u> .
10. All one's eggs in one basket	Risk everything on one effort or operation; concentrate all resources, supplies, etc., in one place.	Let's keep some of the weapons in reserve; we can't afford to put <u>all our eggs</u> in one basket.
11. All out, to go	To try every means available	It is necessary <u>to go all out</u> to capture this enemy position.
12. All shot	Ruined	If the bridge is destroyed, our plans will be <u>all shot</u> .
13. Along with, to go	To agree; follow	I advise you <u>to go along with</u> that idea; it is very sound.
14. All wet	Wrong, not correct	He is <u>all wet</u> .

15. Ammo	Ammunition	They had to withdraw because they ran out of <u>ammo</u> .
16. A-one (A-1)	The best	That guy is <u>A-one</u> in my book.
17. Apple polish(ing)	Try to gain an advantage by saying nice things or giving gifts	You can try complimenting the Old Man, but I don't think he will fall for any <u>apple polishing</u> .
18. Archaic	Out of date; no longer current	He has <u>archaic</u> ideas.
19. Around the clock	24 hours a day; a full day	The staff worked <u>around the clock</u> to finish on time.
20. Asked for it	Invite trouble; deserve the results	I'm sorry about the accident, but Jim <u>asked for it</u> when he drove so fast.
21. Attack jumps off	Attack begins	The <u>attack jumps off</u> at 0430.
22. Attack stalls	Attack is retarded	Our <u>attack stalls</u> whenever we encounter heavy fire.
23. AWOL	Absent without leave	He was <u>AWOL</u> for 9 days; he will be court-martialed.
24. Backbreaker	Difficult job; job that may cause failure	That was the <u>backbreaker</u> ; we just didn't have enough transportation.
25. Back down	Retreat from a previous position or decision	He'll go all out to stick to his decision; however, you may be able to force him to <u>back down</u> .
26. Backed up by	Reinforced by	The 58th Infantry will be <u>backed up by</u> supporting artillery.
27. Back into	Unintentionally or accidentally get into a position or situation	We <u>backed into</u> a clear-cut victory when the enemy's supplies didn't arrive on time.
28. Back to the drawing board	To begin again/start over again	The aircraft had to go <u>back to the drawing board</u> because it didn't perform satisfactorily.
29. Backtrack, to	To return on the same road	Because of the bad roads, the supply convoy had to <u>backtrack</u> 6 miles.
30. Bad shape, in	In difficult position; in bad physical condition	Our reserve failed, so now we are really <u>in bad shape</u> .
31. Bad time	Time spent in jail or the stockade	Joe is doing <u>bad time</u> for being AWOL.

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32. Bad time, give	Make or create a difficult situation for someone	The men gave the lieutenant a <u>bad time</u> because they thought he was unfair.
33. Bag, in the bag	Successfully settled or arranged	It's in the <u>bag</u> ; we have been accepted for pilot training.
34. Bag, to	To capture	We expect <u>to bag</u> 500 prisoners in the next 24 hours.
35. Bail out	Parachute from a plane; remove water from a boat	When the engine failed, the pilot <u>bailed out</u> . While John rowed the boat, I <u>bailed out</u> the water.
36. Ball bounces	That's the way it is, you can't do anything about it	Don't worry about the defeat; you win some and lose some. That's the way the <u>ball bounces</u> .
37. Ball, on the	Correct; efficient	My G3 is always <u>on the ball</u> .
38. Baloney	Nonsense	His talk about bagging 1000 prisoners is a lot of <u>baloney</u> .
39. Balloon goes up, if/when the	If/When the war begins	We have to be ready <u>when the balloon goes up</u> .
40. Bank on, to	To depend on; rely on	Is it safe <u>to bank on</u> his returning tomorrow?
41. Barrel through, to	To pass through quickly	The armor will have <u>to barrel through</u> the gap in hot pursuit.
42. Battle tested	Proved worthy	The division was a <u>battle tested</u> unit after 4 months of combat.
43. Bawl out, to	To reprimand; speak harshly to	It is not always wise <u>to bawl out</u> subordinates for every mistake.
44. Bear by the tail	Be committed to a project or an operation that turns out to be much larger than was first expected; same as <u>tiger by the tail</u>	We had a <u>bear by the tail</u> when we tried to take the <u>hill</u> with only 200 men.
45. Beat, to	To defeat	Our purpose in every encounter is <u>to beat</u> the enemy.
46. Beat around the bush	Delay coming directly to the point	Instead of telling me the truth, he tried to <u>beat around the bush</u> .
47. Beat him to the punch, to	To take action before another acts	We must get there first in order <u>to beat him to the punch</u> .

48. Beats me	I don't understand this	What does this dispatch mean? <u>It beats me.</u>
49. Beef up, to	To reinforce	We'll have <u>to beef up</u> the main effort with extra artillery support.
50. Behind the eight ball	In an unpleasant situation	If the bombers don't get through, we'll be <u>behind the eight ball.</u>
51. Be in charge of, to	To command	You are <u>to be in charge of</u> these men.
52. Be on tap, to	Be prepared to; be standing by	The briefing begins at 0800. You are <u>on tap</u> for 0845.
53. Between the rock and the hard spot	Faced with two or more alternatives or choices, all of which are bad	You'll be <u>between the rock and the hard spot</u> if the enemy outflanks you.
54. Bet your bottom dollar	Be absolutely sure of something; bet your last dollar	You can <u>bet your bottom dollar</u> that we'll have control of the approach.
55. Bible	Authoritative documents, such as manuals, textbooks, etc.	The Flight Manual is the pilot's <u>Bible.</u>
56. Bighearted	Kind and generous	He's a <u>bighearted</u> person; you can bank on him to give all he can.
57. Big league	Full scale, or professional type of operation or organization	This organization is <u>big league.</u>
58. Big picture, the	Complete view or plan	After the briefing, he could see <u>the big picture</u> much better.
59. Big War	World War II	The <u>Big War</u> started in 1939 and ended in 1945.
60. Bind, in a bind	In a difficult or awkward situation	Joe is <u>in a bind.</u> Let's give him more help so that he can finish the job on time.
61. Bird dog, to	To supervise or watch closely	I'm going over there <u>to bird dog</u> the problem for tonight.
62. Bird's-eye view	Overall explanation	Before starting the movement, I'll give you a <u>bird's-eye view</u> of the plan.
63. Blacked out	Without lights for security	All vehicles will be <u>blacked out</u> tonight.
64. Blast, to	To strike a hard blow	This tank is able <u>to blast</u> any pillbox.
65. Blink, on the	Not functioning	My jeep's <u>on the blink</u> ; may I borrow yours?
66. Blitz, to	To attack and overcome	With this plan, we hope <u>to blitz</u> the enemy.

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67. Bloody nose	Light, but obvious damage	None of the planes was badly damaged. But, as you can see, the squadron got a <u>bloody nose</u> .
68. Blow a bridge, to	To destroy a bridge	<u>To blow a bridge</u> safely and effectively requires great skill.
69. Blow-by-blow	A detailed reporting	The captain gave a <u>blow-by-blow</u> description of the counterattack.
70. Blow, let's blow	Let's go; let's leave.	<u>Let's blow</u> . We've been here too long already.
71. Blow one's stack/top	Lose one's temper; get very mad	He'll <u>blow his stack</u> when he finds out that the plans for the aircraft had to go back to the drawing board.
72. Blow over	Become less serious	Don't worry! All the excitement about what you said will soon <u>blow over</u> .
73. Blow the deal/works	Cause a plan or operation to fail as a result of a stupid mistake	Joe <u>blew the works</u> when he carelessly told others about our plan to surprise the enemy.
74. Blow up	Expand and enlarge; destroy with explosives; become very angry; lose one's temper	If the tires are low, get them <u>blown up</u> . This picture is too small. Have it <u>blown up</u> . The retreating soldiers <u>blew up</u> the bridges. When I told him that I didn't intend to report for work, my boss <u>blew up</u> .
75. Blow your cool	Become angry or excited	You'll be all right if you don't <u>blow your cool</u> .
76. Bog down	To slow up or stop	The attack will <u>bog down</u> if you do not get us more fire support.
77. Boil down	To reduce to basic form	Please help me <u>boil down</u> this question to a form in which it can be answered.
78. Boiling mad	Be very angry	Don't try to explain the situation to the major today because he is <u>boiling mad</u> .
79. Boner, pull/make a boner	Make a stupid mistake	I pulled a <u>boner</u> when I said I didn't like one of the paintings - it was painted by the host.
80. Boo-boo	A mistake	He really made a <u>boo-boo</u> when he failed to take action immediately.
81. Boomerang, to	To return to the one who begins it	You don't want this whole thing to <u>boomerang</u> on you.

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82. Boondocks; out in the boondocks	In the field; in the countryside away from a permanent base; in a backwoods area	If you think life is hard in the small villages, just wait until you have to live out in the <u>boondocks</u> .
83. Boondoggle	Do unimportant, valueless work	Instead of repairing the tape recorders, he spent most of the time <u>boondoggling</u> over which one to fix first, what tools to use, etc.
84. Boonies	See Boondocks	
85. Botch	Damage by poor performance; make a mess; do incorrectly	Bill is a skilled worker; he never <u>botches</u> a job.
86. Bottleneck	A place or person who acts as an obstacle to progress or free movement	We've got to have experienced men in every position, one <u>bottleneck</u> will interfere with progress. There is a <u>bottleneck</u> to the flow of traffic where the three streets come together.
87. Bottle up	Trap; encircle	Don't let the enemy <u>bottle you up</u> in this narrow valley.
88. Bottom of the barrel, scraping the bottom of the barrel	Having to use inferior supplies, men, equipment, etc., because the best quality has already been used	Another day and no supplies? Don't they know that we are <u>scraping the bottom of the barrel</u> ?
89. Bottom out	Stuck, finished	This is as far as we can go; we have <u>bottomed out</u> .
90. Bowl over	Defeat without much effort	We got moving by 1300 and <u>bowled over</u> the enemy.
91. Brain	An intelligent person	Don't ask me! You'll have to see the <u>brain</u> .
92. Brass, the	High ranking officers	<u>The brass</u> will inspect us today, so get everything ready.
93. Break	Good or bad luck	He got a <u>break</u> when they made him leader of the group. I'm glad that Dick finally got a lucky <u>break</u> because he has had a lot of bad <u>breaks</u> .
94. Breakdown	Analysis	Give me a <u>breakdown</u> of your air requirements for tomorrow.
95. Breakdown	Failure	The message didn't get through because of communications <u>breakdown</u> .

96. Break; give someone a break	Don't enforce the rules or standards fully	Thank goodness! He <u>gave me a break</u> . I'm grounded just 1 week instead of 2.
97. Break off	Stop; withdraw from action	Our government <u>broke off</u> diplomatic relations with that country. We had orders to <u>break off</u> from the attack at 1800.
98. Break out	Escape; remove from storage or holding place	Keep an eye on the prisoners; don't let them <u>break out</u> . We finally <u>broke out</u> of the encirclement. Let's <u>break out</u> the medical supplies first.
99. Breakout/outbreak	Sudden occurrence	We are prepared for a <u>breakout</u> of heavy firing.
100. Break out again, to	To occur again	We believe heavy firing is about to <u>break out again</u> .
101. Break, take a break	A short rest	You can take a 15-minute <u>break</u> as soon as you finish this job.
102. Break up	Disband or dismiss a unit or organization; end; terminate	The unit will <u>break up</u> as soon as this operation is over. The meeting will <u>break up</u> at ten o'clock. Let's <u>break up</u> the discussion and finish this job.
103. Breathe down the neck	To follow closely in pursuit	It is sometimes dangerous to <u>breathe down the neck</u> of an unpredictable enemy.
104. Brick wall	A strong obstacle; an obstacle that stops a movement or operation	We hit a <u>brick wall</u> when we tried to penetrate their defense. Talking to him is like talking to a brick wall.
105. Briefing	Explanation of a plan	Before the attack begins, the men are given a complete <u>briefing</u> .
106. Bring out a point, to	To illustrate	I want to <u>bring out</u> the following <u>point</u> as a summary.
107. Bring to light, to	To reveal; illustrate	This intelligence is likely to <u>bring to light</u> the presence of new enemy reinforcements.
108. Bring up a point	Introduce a piece of information	John <u>brought up an interesting point</u> when he spoke about using the reserve company.
109. Broad/broad-brush treatment	A general explanation that omits fine details, see <u>big picture</u>	A detailed report is not necessary; a <u>broad-brush</u> treatment of the matter is sufficient. It will take just a couple minutes to give the broad-brush to the situation.

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110. Broad picture	A general view of a situation	The Corps G3 gave us the <u>broad picture</u> of Corps Operation.
111. Broken up	Emotionally upset	The mother was <u>broken up</u> over the accident in which her son was injured.
112. Brownie points	Humorous rating of small things done for people	I think he's working for <u>brownie points</u> , because he is always dusting the furniture in the commandant's office.
113. Buck	A dollar	You can still get a pretty good meal for a couple of <u>bucks</u> .
114. Buck	Oppose; resist	It would be useless to <u>buck</u> the colonel's decision to attack at dawn.
115. Buck city hall; fight city hall	Oppose or challenge the people in power	Do as you like, but remember that it's hard to oppose those who are in power; it's hard to <u>buck city hall</u> .
116. Bucket of worms	A difficult, complicated, or ambiguous situation, problem, etc.	So far I haven't been able to find the answer to this problem. Man oh man! It's a <u>bucket of worms</u> .
117. Buck, pass the buck	Keep away from responsibility by passing it to someone else	Ted <u>passed the buck by</u> saying that someone else had balled up the orders.
118. Buck the system	Challenge or oppose standard procedures	You have a choice: you can <u>buck the system</u> or go along with it.
119. Buck up	Renew one's courage, confidence, happiness	<u>Buck up!</u> You look so unhappy. Fred seemed to <u>buck up</u> when the doctor told him that his condition was improving.
120. Buddy system	A procedure whereby two persons work near each other so that they can give each other protection and assistance	Divers never work alone. When each diver looks out for the safety of his friend or buddy, he is using the buddy system.
121. Buffalo, to	To confuse; to bewilder; to bluff	An instructor who tries to <u>buffalo</u> his students will lose their respect.
122. Bug; bug	Defect (noun); irritates, bothers (verb)	This radio set has a <u>bug</u> in it. That bad habit of his really <u>bugs</u> me.
123. Bug out	Quit; leave quickly; desert	It's time to go. Let's <u>bug out</u> . We know the men are deserting. The question is to find out why they are <u>bugging out</u> of the military.

124. Bug out (from a detail)	Escape or avoid doing an assignment	He'll <u>bug out</u> if you give him a difficult assignment.
125. Build an empire	Enlarge an organization for the purpose of making one's own position or job appear more important	Jim may be <u>building an empire</u> by adding all those personnel who aren't really needed. His organization is getting bigger and bigger without any additional duties.
126. Build up	Increase forces or stocks of supplies or equipment	The general plans to <u>build up</u> our air superiority.
127. Built like a brick outhouse	Well built; solidly built; strongly built	What a figure! She is built like a <u>brick outhouse</u> .
128. Built-up area	A residential and/or business area; opposite of rural area	There are many expensive homes in this <u>built-up area</u> .
129. Bull	Information that is not true or believable	Fred gave me all that <u>bull</u> that he never got scared in combat.
130. Bull by the horns; take the bull by the horns	Approach a problem or difficulty directly	You'll have to <u>take the bull by the horns</u> and get the job done.
131. Bullheaded	Stubborn	It's difficult to get a <u>bullheaded</u> person to change his way of doing things.
132. Bump into, to	To meet; engage	Opposing flanking movements tend to <u>bump into</u> each other.
133. Bum (something)	Borrow or get something	He has run out of cigarettes and is trying to <u>bum</u> one. I may have to <u>bum</u> a ride to work.
134. Bum steer, give a bum steer	Mislead; give false information	He gave us a <u>bum steer</u> about the distance, and we ran out of gas.
135. Bunch	A number of similar things or people	Bill is upset because he lost a <u>bunch</u> of keys. We'll need a <u>bunch</u> of people in order to finish this.
136. Burnt out	Mental or physical exhaustion	The students looked <u>burnt out</u> after the field exercise.
137. Butter up	Make a person feel pleased or honored, to your advantage	We tried to <u>butter</u> the instructor <u>up</u> in order to get a good grade in the course.
138. Butt heads with, to	To argue; engage in a fight or violent discussion	They are going to <u>butt heads with</u> each other because each is insistent that he is right.

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139.	Button, on the	Exactly correct	He answered every question <u>on the button</u> ; his grade is 100%.
140.	Button up, to	To finish; close	This memorandum will serve <u>to button up</u> the issue.
141.	Call it a day	Quit for the day	We have done a lot of work this afternoon. Let's <u>call it a day</u> . It is getting late; it's time to <u>call it a day</u> .
142.	Call your shot, to	To estimate correctly	The enemy is trying to envelop us, G2; you sure know how <u>to call your shot</u> .
143.	Canned message	A prepared message	During practical exercises, we used many <u>canned messages</u> .
144.	Can't put one's finger on	Cannot locate or specify	This radio is on the blink; the operator <u>can't put his finger on</u> what's wrong.
145.	Care less, could/ couldn't care less	Not be at all concerned	So, he didn't like what I did. Well, I <u>couldn't care less</u> .
146.	Carry on with, to	To continue	After the briefing, each section will be able <u>to carry on with</u> its work.
147.	Carry out an order, to	To do or execute an order	<u>To carry out an order</u> efficiently, one must first understand it.
148.	Catch all	A place or person that receives everything.	The S-3 is a <u>catch all</u> for difficult projects.
149.	Catch as catch can	Operate or attack in any manner possible	They didn't seem to have a system; it was all <u>catch as catch can</u> .
150.	Catch, there's a	There's a trick or difficult point	This plan is OK, but <u>there's a catch</u> in it; we haven't enough transportation.
151.	Catch on, to	To understand	We don't want him <u>to catch on</u> to our plan.
152.	Catch (to it), there's	There's a trick or difficult point	I can't see how he fires the weapon so fast; there must be a <u>catch to it</u> somehow.
153.	Catch, what's the	This sounds too easy; there must be a hidden trick	They can't put up a well-made bridge in such a short time. <u>What's the catch?</u>
154.	Cat, let the cat out of the bag	Release information, ideas, etc., before the intended time	I wanted to surprise him, but someone <u>let the cat out of the bag</u> . If you say anything about a birthday party, you may <u>let the cat out of the bag</u> .



155. Caught off base	Caught unprepared	The Old Man blew his cool when he found out that we got <u>caught off base</u> for inspection.
156. Caught short, to be	Unprepared; without supply	We'll need extra ammunition; we can't <u>be caught short</u> .
157. Chain of command	Steps of command within an organization	Orders come down through the <u>chain of command</u> ; that is, they came from superior (higher) to subordinate (lower) officers.
158. Channels, go through channels	Follow the correct procedures, particularly in reference to the chain of command	If you want immediate action, you must <u>go through channels</u> .
159. Charge of, in charge of	In control of	Who is <u>in charge of</u> this unit?
160. Check!	Right! Correct!	Is this what you wanted? <u>Check!</u> Thanks.
161. Check up on	To verify; to inspect	Good staff officers <u>check up on</u> orders being carried out correctly.
162. Chew out, to	To reprimand	It is not good <u>to chew out</u> a person in front of others.
163. Chewed to pieces	Severely damaged	The enemy forces were <u>chewed to pieces</u> by our accurate artillery fire.
164. Chicken	Coward	He was <u>chicken</u> : just too afraid to make his parachute jump.
165. Chicken feed	Small, insignificant amounts	Those kids make some money shining shoes, but it's <u>chicken feed</u> .
166. Chicken out	Withdraw or quit because of fear	He <u>chickened out</u> because he couldn't stand the sight of blood.
167. Chicken outfit	A unit overly concerned with discipline and minor details	He said the unit was a <u>chicken outfit</u> because it paid a lot of attention to <u>minor details</u> .
168. Chief	Person in authority	The <u>chief</u> will make the final decision when all the plans are in.
169. Chiefs and not enough Indians, too many chiefs and not enough Indians	Too many people giving directions and not enough people doing the real job	One thing that is wrong in the outfit is that there are <u>too many chiefs and not enough Indians</u> .

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170. Chin, to take it on the	To suffer severely	We'll have <u>to take it on the chin</u> if the enemy attacks now.
171. Chintzy	Cheap or low quality; (from "chintz," a cheap, shiny type of cloth)	The material in that dress looks <u>chintzy</u> ; I want a better material.
172. Chit	Hand receipt	Don't lose the <u>chit</u> I gave you; hang on to it because you may need it later.
173. Choke off	Bring to a stop	The plan is to <u>choke off</u> the first attack, bring up the reserves, and push the enemy back.
174. Chopper	Helicopter	It's easy to identify a <u>chopper</u> because it has rotating wings or blades. Other aircraft have fixed wings.
175. Chow	Food; eat	Soldiers like to gripe about the <u>chow</u> . Some of them complain about the <u>chow</u> when it is pretty good. Song: "No need to go to <u>chow</u> ; they won't feed us anyhow."
176. Chow down	Eat	Come on fellows and let's <u>chow down</u> .
177. Chow hound	One who likes to eat	He really likes to eat; he's a <u>chow hound</u> .
178. Chuck out	Throw away	If the stuff is no longer useful, you can <u>chuck it out</u> .
179. Chuck, up-chuck	Vomit	I think I'd feel better if I could <u>up-chuck</u> .
180. Cinch	Thing easy to do; sure thing	Stopping the enemy was a <u>cinch</u> when our tanks arrived. It's a <u>cinch</u> that Jim will be our new chief.
181. Clean up, to	To finish	Our division took 2 days <u>to clean-up</u> pockets of resistance.
182. Clean cut	Definite; specific	It was undoubtedly a <u>clean-cut</u> victory.
183. Clean out	Eliminate	Let's <u>clean out</u> all ack-ack emplacements.
184. Clean up	Finish; eliminate	You may leave early if you <u>clean up</u> all the work for today. Our job is to <u>clean up</u> all the pockets of resistance.
185. Clear-cut	Definite	Joe is on the ball again; he came up with a <u>clear-cut</u> plan of attack.

186. Clear up, to	To explain; solve	I don't understand this point; would you care <u>to clear it up</u> for me?
187. Click	Work; be successful	That's a wonderful chopper. We didn't have a bit of trouble; everything <u>clicked</u> from start to finish.
188. Cloak-and-dagger (work)	Spying or intelligence work	My job was all <u>cloak-and-dagger</u> , with narrow escapes at times.
189. Clobber, to	To destroy; to deliver hard blows	Our air strikes will have <u>to clobber</u> the enemy reserves.
190. Close shave	Just barely successful; just barely avoiding an accident	The enemy attack failed to destroy the bridge but it was a <u>close shave</u> .
191. Close the pincers	To surround; isolate	By a double envelopment, we can <u>close the pincers</u> on the enemy.
192. Close up	Narrow the distance	<u>Close up</u> . You're driving too far apart.
193. Cloud the issue	Confuse the issue	Tell the troops what we are going to do in this engagement. Don't <u>cloud the issue</u> by talking about other battles.
194. Clutch up	Become tense and nervous	It's normal to <u>clutch up</u> during your first experience under fire.
195. Cluttered/Cluttered up	Has too many minor details	Your overlay is too <u>cluttered up</u> to understand it.
196. Cock-and-bull story	An unbelievable story	His explanation was just a <u>cock-and-bull story</u> .
197. Cold feet, get cold feet	Become afraid or timid	He got <u>cold feet</u> and didn't fire a shot. I got <u>cold feet</u> and couldn't tell the captain what my problem was.
198. Cold, have/got down cold	Have information clearly in mind; have information memorized; be experienced in handling a problem	He has the principles of patrolling <u>down cold</u> . Give this problem to Sergeant Carter. He's got this sort of thing <u>down cold</u> .
199. Cold war	War without shooting; war of propaganda	The conflict between East and West is a <u>cold war</u> .
200. Comb over, to	To search thoroughly	Someone ought to <u>comb over</u> these reports carefully to find any errors.

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201. Come on	An invitation which, if accepted, will lead to trouble; a deliberate misrepresentation	Their buildup in that sector may be a <u>come on</u> to draw us away from the main target.
202. Come out in good shape	To withstand the attack	If all regiments are about to <u>come out in good shape</u> , the plan will have been successful.
203. Come to grips with,	To attack; to contact; address the problem directly; face the situation with realism	The reconnaissance unit was about <u>to come to grips with</u> the enemy patrol.
204. Come up with the solution, to	To find the answer; to solve	You know the problem; now your job is <u>to come up with the solution</u> .
205. Cookie crumbles, that's how/the way the cookie crumbles	That's how it is; you can't do anything about it	Joe gets one bad break after another. Oh, well! That's how the <u>cookie crumbles</u> .
206. Cook up, to	To prepare; make a plan	Try <u>to cook up</u> something new to surprise the enemy.
207. Cool	Unexcited; calm	He did the right thing. He remained <u>cool</u> in the emergency.
208. Cool down/off	Decrease in intensity; calm down	Stop the engine if it gets too hot and let it <u>cool off</u> . Don't complain when you are angry; sit down and <u>cool down</u> .
209. Cool it	Don't get excited; keep calm; stop talking about it	That's enough about that. <u>Cool it</u> , men!
210. Cotton-picking/ cott'n-pick'n	A phrase used in place of profanity to express displeasure	I'm tired of working on this <u>cotton-picking</u> report. We've got to have the best, no more of this <u>cotton-picking</u> stuff.
211. Cough it up	Admit something	The chief will find out what happened one way or another. Why don't you go ahead and <u>cough it up</u> ?
212. Counter punch	Counterattack	We are well prepared to deliver a <u>counter punch</u> in this sector.
213. Count me in	Include me	I'll be ready for the next mission; so <u>count me in</u> .
214. Count me out	Exclude me	<u>Count me out</u> . I can't go along with the new plan.

215.	Count on, to	To depend or rely on	<u>To count on</u> others all the time is unwise; be self-reliant.
216.	Cover/take cover	Hide	<u>Take cover!</u> The bombers are overhead. I'll yell " <u>cover</u> " or " <u>take cover</u> " when I want you to run for cover.
217.	Cover a lot of ground	Discuss a large amount	We have <u>to cover a lot of ground</u> during this period.
218.	Cover the high points, to	To cover the important points	I want <u>to cover the high points</u> once again so you will understand the lesson thoroughly.
219.	Crack a smile	Show amusement; smile slightly	He could tell the funniest stories and never <u>crack a smile</u> .
220.	Crack down (on)	Deal with severely	The chief is going to <u>crack down</u> and stop some of the complaining about the food. When the discipline got bad, the Old Man <u>cracked down</u> on them.
221.	Crackdown	Reestablishment of procedures and disciplines	There's going to be a <u>crackdown</u> if the discipline doesn't improve.
222.	Cracked up to be	Meet expectations	I like the new weapon, but it's not what it's <u>cracked up to be</u> .
223.	Crack up	Have a physical or mental collapse	Jim will <u>crack up</u> if he continues to work too hard.
224.	Crackup	An accident	Three fighter planes had a <u>crackup</u> on landing.
225.	Crank	An irritable person; a person with a strong viewpoint on a particular subject	It's difficult to discuss things with Jim. He is such a crank that he complains about unimportant things. We discovered that Ed was a <u>crank</u> on the subject of politics.
226.	Crank up	Start	It's nearly time to cross the initial point; <u>crank up</u> your motors.
227.	Cranky	Unpleasant or grouchy	He is a <u>cranky</u> person.
228.	Crap	Information that is not true or believable	You don't expect me to believe that <u>crap</u> , do you?
229.	Crap out	Quit or be unable to complete something; sleep; rest	If you want the assignment finished, you'll have to give it to someone else. Joe <u>crapped out</u> of it. It's midnight: I'm going to <u>crap out</u> .

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230. Crappy	Spoiled or ruined; bad	Throw this <u>crappy stuff</u> away. It's no good.
231. Crash job/program/project	Priority work that has to be done quickly	No more leave will be approved until this <u>crash project</u> is completed.
232. Creep	An unpleasant, odd person	What are we going to do with this <u>creep</u> that just came into the outfit? Just looking at him gives me a creepy feeling.
233. Creepy	An unpleasant, weird situation	If you have never been lost in the forest on a dark night, you can't imagine how <u>creepy</u> it is.
234. Crop up, to	To appear suddenly; to happen	Remember how you handled the situation; it is likely <u>to crop up</u> again.
235. Cross-check, to	To verify from different sources	I want you to check with him and <u>to cross-check</u> with everyone else involved.
236. Cross someone's heart	Promise to tell the truth	You said you wouldn't tell anyone about the new plan. <u>Cross your heart?</u>
237. Cross your fingers	Hope for good luck	Yes. I know that this is a dangerous mission. <u>Cross your fingers.</u>
238. Crud	Accumulation of corrosion, grease, etc., anything not liked	Look at the <u>crud</u> on that rifle. Clean it up! Get some of that <u>crud</u> out of your locker before inspection. The sergeant can't stand to see junk all over the place.
239. Cruddy	Something that is bad, dirty, or messy (see crud)	I've never seen such a <u>cruddy</u> group of men.
240. Crummy	Of poor quality or appearance	The rooms were not bad, but the furniture was <u>crummy</u> . If he would polish the old car, it wouldn't look so <u>crummy</u> .
241. Crybaby	A person who becomes upset and complains a lot in trying situations	He's a <u>crybaby</u> . He complains when his team loses a game.
242. Cry(ing) on someone's shoulder; don't (come) cry(ing) on someone's shoulder	Handle your own problems, don't bring them to me	That's your baby. Don't come <u>crying on my shoulder</u> .
243. Crying shame	Obvious mistake that should be corrected	It's a <u>crying shame</u> to send men into battle before they are properly trained.

244. Cry over spilled milk; don't cry over spilled milk	Don't worry about things that have already happened when you can't change the results	It is true that you made a costly mistake. It is also true that you can't do anything about it. <u>Don't cry over spilled milk.</u>
245. Cry wolf	Give a false alarm	Never <u>cry wolf</u> unless the alarm is real.
246. Curtain of fire	Barrage	Our troops advance behind a heavy <u>curtain of fire.</u>
247. Curtains	The end, unhappily arrived	Remember what the major said: "It's <u>curtains</u> if you get caught in the enemy's crossfire."
248. Curve ball	Tricky, unfair situation	There are no <u>curve balls</u> in this examination.
249. Customer, a big	Someone who uses a lot of	Division Artillery is the <u>big customer</u> for 90mm shells.
250. Cut it out	Stop it	<u>Cut it out!</u> You have given him a bad time long enough.
251. Cut off	Surrounded, isolated	In the defense of an extended front, some units may be <u>cut off</u> for awhile.
252. Cut to the bone	Reduce to absolute minimum	If we send this group to Corps, we'll be <u>cut to the bone.</u>
253. Cut out	To stop running	The engine will <u>cut out</u> every five minutes.
254. Cut out	Leave	This party is getting dull. Let's <u>cut out</u> and go where it's more exciting.
255. Cut down; cut someone down to size	Deflate a person's opinion of himself	If you keep telling people how great you are, someone is going to <u>cut you down to size.</u>
256. Cut the mustard; can't cut the mustard	Can't meet the requirements; can't do the job	That assignment is too hard for him. He just <u>can't cut the mustard.</u> I'd give him an easier job.
257. Cut up	Divide	Let's <u>cut</u> the class <u>up</u> into groups of 8-10 students. You will need a sharp knife to <u>cut</u> the meat <u>up.</u>
258. Cut up	Be damaged or wounded	The unit got caught in enemy crossfire and was badly <u>cut up.</u>
259. Cut-up	A person who doesn't have a mature or serious attitude; a joker	We need a serious person for this project, not a <u>cut-up</u> like Frank.

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260. Damned if you do, damned if you don't	You're likely to be criticized equally by those who are for it and those who are against it	You are afraid to take action because you're <u>damned if you do, damned if you don't.</u>
261. Dark, in the	Ignorant of/without knowledge	What does this mean, G2? Don't keep me <u>in the dark.</u>
262. Dead ahead	Directly in front of	You're going the right way. Headquarters is <u>dead ahead.</u>
263. Dead duck	Defeated; finished; in a bad situation	You are a <u>dead duck</u> if you let the enemy draw you out in the open.
264. Dead give away	An obvious clue to the circumstances	We found warm food on the table - a <u>dead give away</u> that the enemy had left in a hurry.
265. Deadhead	Transportation returning empty; a person who uses a free ticket for admission; a dull-witted or sluggish person	You will deliver these supplies and return <u>deadhead</u> for another load.
266. Deadline	Completion date	The <u>deadline</u> for completing the job is next Wednesday. To meet the <u>deadline</u> , I'll need three more men.
267. Deadline	Prevent the use of	<u>Deadline</u> that vehicle; the brakes are faulty.
268. Dead right/wrong	Very or quite right/wrong	You were <u>dead right</u> about the location of the bunker. It was exactly where you said it was.
269. Dead ringer	Resembles strongly	He's a <u>dead ringer</u> for the captain; he must be his brother.
270. Dead weight	Worthless; excess; makes no contribution to the need at hand	I'm going to transfer him; he's <u>dead weight</u> in this unit.
271. Dead wood	Worthless	Can I transfer him? He's just <u>dead wood</u> in the section.
272. Deal, new deal	A chance to do the same thing again without making previous mistakes; a new opportunity	The men want a <u>new deal</u> ; they say the present system is unfair.
273. Deal me out	Leave out	<u>Deal me out</u> of the next move.
274. Dent	Make a slight gain	Our secondary effort will probably only <u>dent</u> his lines.



275. Deuce	Mild exclamation of surprise	Where in the <u>deuce</u> did you get those old boots?
276. Deuce and a half	Two-and-a-half-ton truck	You'll need a large truck. Take that <u>deuce-and-a-half</u> .
277. Dicker	Negotiate; bargain	He's a good customer, but he likes to <u>dicker</u> with you.
278. Dig	Understand	You heard the briefing. Do you <u>dig</u> the situation now? I don't <u>dig</u> that.
279. Dig at, take a dig at	Make an unkind remark	The sergeant <u>took a dig</u> at me because I didn't understand him immediately.
280. Dig out	Eliminate with difficulty a strongly entrenched enemy; move out rapidly	You may have to use the flame throwers to <u>dig</u> the enemy <u>out</u> . <u>Dig out</u> if you see tanks coming.
281. Dig out, to	To discover; to study	You'll have to <u>dig out</u> these experience factors from FM 101-10-1.
282. Dime a dozen	Cheap; low quality; readily available	He wants something nice. You can get things like that for a <u>dime a dozen</u> .
283. Dirty end of the stick, get the dirty end of the stick	Be on the receiving end in a bad situation	He had bad luck. He <u>got the dirty end of the stick</u> .
284. Dirty work	An unpleasant job or task	Everyone wants to do the pleasant jobs, but no one cares to do the <u>dirty work</u> .
285. Dish it out, to	To give hard blows	We've taken a lot of damage; now it's our turn to <u>dish it out</u> .
286. Ditch	Get rid of; leave; mislead and lose a pursuing force	We <u>ditched</u> the trucks because they were badly damaged. Let's cross the river here and <u>ditch</u> the enemy.
287. Divvy up	To divide	The Supply Sergeant will <u>divvy up</u> the rations for each company.
288. Doesn't have enough sense to come in out of the rain	Doesn't have the intelligence to react to an obvious situation	We can't give him a responsible job. He <u>doesn't have enough sense to come in out of the rain</u> .
289. Doesn't know which end is up	Utterly confused or stupid	He simply can't cut the mustard. He <u>doesn't know which end is up</u> .

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290. Dog tag	Military identification tag	Wear your <u>dog tag</u> so that strangers will know who you are. You will recognize him by the <u>dog tag</u> around his neck.
291. Done for	Finished; defeated	If the storm hits us now, we'll be <u>done for</u> .
292. Done in	Tired; exhausted	The men can't possibly march another mile. They're completely <u>done in</u> .
293. Done up	Be completed with all the extras included	I'll be glad when this project is all <u>done up</u> .
294. Don't knock it	Don't criticize	<u>Don't knock it</u> unless you have something better to offer.
295. Don't leave any loose ends	Finish the job completely	<u>Don't leave any loose ends</u> . I want the job finished completely.
296. Don't make waves	Don't disturb the situation; maintain the status quo	<u>Don't make waves</u> when things are going smoothly.
297. Don't push the panic button	Don't panic, stay calm	<u>Don't get excited and push the panic button</u> .
298. Don't put me down	Treat me as an equal	<u>Don't try to put me down</u> . I'm as good as you are and you know it.
299. Don't put me on	I don't really believe what you are telling me	<u>Don't put me on</u> . I know better than that.
300. Don't see the forest for the trees	Too busy with details to see the big picture	All men in the division are not kept informed; therefore, they <u>don't see the forest for the trees</u> .
301. Don't fight the problem	Accept things as they are; don't offer resistance	I know that this is a difficult matter but <u>don't fight the problem</u> .
302. Do or die	Make a maximum effort	Keep the pressure on; it's <u>do or die</u> this time.
303. Dope out	Figure out	That's your problem! You'll have to <u>dope</u> it <u>out</u> as well as you can.
304. Doubles in brass	Acting in two or more jobs at once	The Division Surgeon is one officer who <u>doubles in brass</u> .
305. Doughboy	Infantryman	In the final analysis, it's the <u>doughboy</u> who has to take the objective.

306. Dovetail	Coincide	The adjacent division's plans for the attack <u>dovetail</u> very well with our own.
307. Down a blind alley	Reach an impasse	You're <u>down a blind alley</u> , Bill; we won't get extra trucks for this movement.
308. Down and out	Totally defeated	We got hit when we were already <u>down and out</u> .
309. Down hill; go down hill	Deteriorate; get worse; stop trying	The organization steadily went <u>down hill</u> .
310. Down the drain	Lost without possibility of getting back	If you continue to spend money so fast, your savings will go <u>down the drain</u> .
311. Down the home stretch	Finishing or ending	We'll be going <u>down the home stretch</u> in Phase I in two weeks.
312. Drag	Slow down; hold back	Keep moving! I know you are tired, but this is not the time to <u>drag</u> .
313. Drag out, to	To be slow; to last a long time	The attack through the fortified position is likely to <u>drag out</u> for some time.
314. Dragging one's tail	Be slow or inefficient	The men were <u>dragging their tails</u> , not trying to get the job done.
315. Drag in	Introduce without good reason	Don't <u>drag in</u> the question of why, before you know how.
316. Drag, it's a drag	Dull; unproductive; a bother	We work, work, and work with little accomplishment. <u>It's a drag</u> .
317. Draw	No winner; no victor	The war may end in a <u>draw</u> .
318. Drawback	Obstacle; hindrance	His lack of experience is a serious <u>drawback</u> to getting a job.
319. Draw in	Reduce the size, shorten the circumference	Your stomach sticks out to much. <u>Draw it in</u> .
320. Draw in	Induce the enemy to make an action that will allow you to defeat him; get somebody out of a hiding place	We used a patrol to <u>draw in</u> the enemy.
321. Drawing board, on the	Mission being planned	Your next assignment is <u>on the drawing board</u> .
322. Draw out	Induce the enemy to expose himself	How can we <u>draw the enemy out</u> when he refuses to come out and fight?

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323. Draw the line	Set a limit	The colonel doesn't object to light drinking, but he <u>draws the line</u> at heavy drinking.
324. Dream; it's a dream	The item meets every expectation	Wait until you fly the new aircraft; <u>it's a dream</u> .
325. Dream up	Produce ideas; think	Give him time and he will <u>dream up</u> something.
326. Drive	Sustained operation; attack; motivation; interest in one's goals	We are ready to start the <u>drive</u> at 0930. The lieutenant picked George as the leader because he shows a lot of <u>drive</u> .
327. Drive home	Make obvious, stress a point	I want to <u>drive</u> this point <u>home</u> : I draw the line at heavy drinking.
328. Driving at	Aiming at; leading up to	Did you understand what the instructor was <u>driving at</u> ? I finally found out what he was <u>driving at</u> .
329. Drop-off point	Delivery area; the point where efficiency begins to decrease	The <u>drop-off point</u> is dead ahead. We aren't making much progress. Guess we've reached the <u>drop-off point</u> .
330. Drop the ball	Make a mistake that stops progress	Keep an eye on the operator. If someone <u>drops the ball</u> , we'll be done for.
331. Duck	Avoid	Let's <u>duck</u> into the nearest building to get away from sniper fire.
332. Duck out	Leave	If the meeting is very long, I may have to <u>duck out</u> before it is over.
333. Dud	An item that doesn't function in a proper manner; a dull, unimaginative person; a lazy person or one with little ambition	That may be a <u>dud</u> . Why don't you try another one? I need a man that's able to think and come up with a plan, so don't send me a <u>dud</u> .
334. Dum-dum	Humorous recruit; not very intelligent person	This is not a job for a <u>dum-dum</u> .
335. Eager beaver	A person who is overly enthusiastic	He is such an <u>eager beaver</u> that he comes to work early and works late.
336. Earmark	Reserve for a specific purpose	George, your infantry battalion is <u>earmarked</u> for division reserve.
337. Ear to the ground; keep your ear to the ground	Try to get any information you can	<u>Keep your ear to the ground</u> and report any enemy activity.

338. Easy come, easy go	That which has been gotten easily does not represent a great loss when it is lost	He can win with ease and lose with equal ease. It's <u>easy come, easy go</u> with him.
339. Easygoing	Relaxed; unexcited	He's a calm, <u>easygoing</u> type of person.
340. Eat your words	Be forced to admit that a previous statement was wrong	When they showed him that he was wrong, he was forced to <u>eat his words</u> .
341. Egghead	An intellectual	We need a practical person for this job, not an <u>egghead</u> . Too many <u>eggheads</u> are trying to run the country.
342. Eggs in one basket, all your	Chances of success in one effort	Make out three separate plans; don't put <u>all your eggs in one basket</u> .
343. Eight ball; behind the eight ball	In a bad or confusing situation	I knew we were <u>behind the eight ball</u> when the enemy got behind us.
344. End product	The result	The <u>end product</u> of this training showed up well in the training tests.
345. End run around, to make an	To envelop	Our best course of action is to <u>make an end run around</u> the enemy's left flank.
346. Extracted	Pull out of danger	We were <u>extracted</u> just in time.
347. Eyeball	Look at closely	Get someone to <u>eyeball</u> your report before you turn it in.
348. Eyeball to eyeball	At bayonet's distance; face to face	Our doughboys fought <u>eyeball to eyeball</u> in the enemy trenches.
349. Eye on, to keep an	To watch closely	You ought <u>to keep an eye on</u> enemy activity.
350. Eyewash	Information used to hide the true state of affairs	This is a lot of <u>eyewash</u> . I want the facts.
351. Eying	Looking at closely; considering as a possibility	He is <u>eying</u> the idea of changing the whole training program.
352. Fall apart	Become disorganized	The troops <u>fell apart</u> under the blitzkrieg.
353. Fall down on	Fail; be inefficient in	This operation is of supreme importance; no one must <u>fall down on</u> his job.
354. Fall flat (on one's face)	Fail	He <u>fell flat on his face</u> because he was a poor leader. The operation will not <u>fall flat</u> if every man does his part.

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355. Falling apart	Run down; not in good repair	Send that truck to the repair shop. It seems to be <u>falling apart</u> .
356. Fall through	Fail	Let's hope that the plan to build economical jet engines for automobiles doesn't <u>fall through</u> . Our plans to win a clear-cut victory <u>fell through</u> .
357. Fan out, to	To disperse; deploy	The leading battalion will <u>fan out</u> to cover our advance.
358. Federal case, make a	To exaggerate; to stress something which is not important	Don't <u>make a federal case</u> out of this matter; it's not so every important.
359. Feed, to	To send to; transmit	The job of division is <u>to feed</u> G2 information on daylight movements of the enemy.
360. Feedback	Reactions to a situation	Do you have any <u>feedback</u> on the effectiveness of the new rifles?
361. Feel for you; I feel for you	I have sympathy for your situation but I can't do anything about it	I know what it's like to keep moving when you are wet, cold, tired, and sleepy. I want to let you know that <u>I feel for you</u> .
362. Feel like two cents	Feel embarrassed or foolish; feel small	If the boss accomplishes what you said was impossible to do, then you'll <u>feel like two cents</u> .
363. Feet on the ground; get one's feet on the ground	Get organized or oriented	As soon as she spends some time in her new job, she will <u>get her feet on the ground</u> .
364. Fence, on the fence	Undecided; neutral	He's <u>on the fence</u> about whether to land at night or during the day. He didn't want to get involved in the rivalry and therefore decided to remain <u>on the fence</u> .
365. Fiddle around	Waste time	Let's stop <u>fiddling around</u> and finish this operation.
366. Figure out	Reason out; discover; determine	I can't <u>figure out</u> what he was driving at. He's trying to <u>figure out</u> what caused the foul up.
367. Figures; that figures	Corresponds to expectations; that's the way it was expected	<u>That figures</u> . We knew he could cut the mustard.
368. Fill the bill	Meet the needs	John is doing a good job. I'm sure he will <u>fill the bill</u> .

369. Fill the gap	Meet a need; make complete	We've got to have someone to <u>fill the gap</u> while Joe is on leave.
370. Fine tooth comb; with a	Very careful search	Search there <u>with a fine tooth comb</u> for the missing reports.
371. Fingertips, to have at your	To have available; ready	What's your estimate, G3? You ought <u>to have it at your fingertips</u> .
372. Finish off	To defeat; end	When that last strong point surrenders, we can <u>finish off</u> the rest easily.
373. Fink	A person who carries stories or information to his superiors	Be careful about what you say because there is a <u>fink</u> in the group.
374. Fink on	Inform on	The Old Man wouldn't have known that I had too much to drink if Jim had not <u>finked on</u> me.
375. Firm up, to	To complete; finish	The General wants us <u>to firm up</u> all plans by 1300.
376. First-rate	Top quality	Jim, you have a <u>first-rate</u> outfit now. Your men are excellent, well trained.
377. Fit to be tied	Angry	He was <u>fit to be tied</u> when he found out that the supplies didn't arrive on time.
378. Fix, in a bad	In trouble	When the jeep axle broke, we were really <u>in a bad fix</u> .
379. Fix the enemy, to	To keep the enemy inactive	The base of fire serves <u>to fix the enemy</u> in place.
380. Flap (noun)	Excitement	The news created quite a <u>flap</u> .
381. Flap, in a	In great confusion	For lack of information, the staff was <u>in a flap</u> .
382. Flak	Harassment	He sure caught a lot of <u>flak</u> over that issue.
383. Flare up, to	To begin action	Sporadic firing is expected <u>to flare up</u> all through the night.
384. Flip (one's top)	Act in an irrational or unrealistic way	He <u>flipped his top</u> when he found out that we lost 25 percent of our tanks.
385. Flub (up)	Made a mistake; ruin; spoil	I have a feeling that I <u>flubbed</u> that briefing.
386. Fluid	Not completely determined; can	The political situation in the Middle East is still <u>fluid</u> .

387. Follow one's nose	Go straight ahead; do what is appropriate or obvious change easily or quickly	You can't go wrong; just <u>follow your nose</u> .
388. Follow up, to	To verify; supervise	Staff officers are <u>to follow up</u> on all plans and orders issued.
389. Foot in one's mouth; put one's foot in one's mouth	Say something one should not have said	When he said he didn't like being in the new outfit, he <u>put his foot in his mouth</u> .
390. Force his hand	To make one reveal his plans	This reconnaissance may <u>force his hand</u> .
391. For keeps/real	Not just for practice; the real or actual thing	The battle is about to begin. This is <u>for keeps</u> .
392. For the birds	Worthless; unsatisfactory; unacceptable	That's a bad plan. I won't accept it. It's <u>for the birds</u> .
393. Fouled up	Wrong; thwarted; confused	Because of unexpected guerrilla activity, all our plans for secrets were <u>fouled up</u> .
394. Foul mouth	A user of profanity	He can't say a thing without using improper words. I've never seen such a <u>foul mouth</u> .
395. Free-for-all	A fight in which everyone participates or takes part	The disagreement between the coach and the referee ended in a <u>free-for-all</u> .
396. Free ride	Get something extra without expense or effort	He's not acceptable to me. He's looking for a <u>free ride</u> .
397. Freeze	Be too frightened to move	In his first assault, a soldier may <u>freeze</u> . Don't <u>freeze</u> when the fighting starts.
398. Freeze, to	To restrict; stop in place	If there's no time to evacuate civilians, it will be necessary <u>to freeze</u> them in place.
399. Fresh blood	Reinforcements or replacements	The enemy was waiting for <u>fresh blood</u> before making a new attack.
400. Friendlies	Friendly troops	Hold your fire! These are <u>friendlies</u> .
401. Fritter (away), to	To waste; to use inefficiently; to employ piecemeal	An uncoordinated attack may cause you to fritter away your advantage.
402. Gadget	Any mechanical thing	What's that <u>gadget</u> , Dick? It's a special tool for radios, John.
403. Geared to	Adjusted to	Our advance must be <u>geared to</u> that of the adjacent divisions.



404.	Get action	Obtain results
405.	Get a lucky break	Be fortunate; gain an advantage
406.	Get ahead, to	To advance
407.	Get along without, to	To exist without
408.	Get around a, to	To find an answer
409.	Get away with it	Succeed by taking a chance
410.	Get by with, to	To succeed; to manage
411.	Get going	Begin; start
412.	Get in touch with, to	To communicate with
413.	Get-it-together	To organize
414.	Get on with	Continue
415.	Get rolling	Begin; start
416.	Get the lead out	Speed it up; hurry up
417.	Get the show on the road	To begin; start
418.	Get together with	Meet; confer
419.	Get your hands on, to	To obtain
420.	GI	Government issue
421.	GI	A soldier
422.	Gingerly	Softly; carefully

We need that material right away; we must get action on our requisition.  
We'll get a lucky break if there's no heavy precipitation.

Don't try to get ahead too fast.

We'll have to get along without hot meals for two or three days.

A resourceful staff officer knows how to get around a difficulty.

You may get away with it this time, but you won't always be so lucky.

We may have to get by with only a few men.

George, get going on the report; I'll need it in 15 minutes.

If you want to get in touch with him, call him at his home.

They won't amount to anything until they get-it-together.

Excuse the delay, gentlemen -- let's get on with the briefing.

Promptly at 2030, the column will get rolling.

Get the lead out or we will be late.

We have been ordered to get the show on the road at 2245.

G2 and G3 get together with each other on all operations.

Do you know where to get your hands on any more ammunition right away?

Your GI clothing is given free in wartime.

Every GI has the opportunity to advance himself.

Mines must be placed in position gingerly.

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423.	Gismo	Anything you don't know the name of	What's that <u>gismo</u> ? It's a new safety device.
424.	Give a rundown on	Give a summary of	<u>Give me a rundown on</u> enemy strategy and locations.
425.	Give away (a give away)	Fail to deceive (failure in deception)	Those newly cut trees in that area sure <u>give away</u> his position.
426.	Give ground, to	To withdraw; to fall back	The enemy is expected <u>to give ground</u> slowly and stubbornly.
427.	Give him the green light	Give your agreement (signal to continue)	The bottleneck is cleared up, so <u>give him the green light</u> .
428.	Give him the 1-2 punch, to	To strike your hardest blows	With our artillery and preplanned air strikes, we are in position <u>to give him the 1-2 punch</u> .
429.	Give him the works, to	To punish	Now's the time, sir, <u>to give him the works</u> .
430.	Give it the once over	Scrutinize; examine	Here's the order, Ed. Will you <u>give it the once over</u> ?
431.	Give it the shotgun method, to	To address all possible aspects of an issue or problem, usually in a rather superficial manner, rather than the real issue	Now don't try <u>to give it the shotgun method</u> ; I want you to be specific.
432.	Give the highlights (of, on)	Cover only the most important points	Reports which <u>give the highlights</u> are useful in a general way.
433.	Give the nod to, to	To approve	Tomorrow he may decide <u>to give the nod</u> to your suggestion.
434.	Give up	Surrender	If you're cut off, don't <u>give up</u> , we'll get help to you somehow.
435.	Go along with	Agree	I don't <u>go along with</u> what you recommended, sir.
436.	Gobbledygook	Unintelligible information	What's that <u>gobbledygook</u> ? — It's a cryptographic message; here's the clear text.
437.	Gobble up	Capture; take	A rapid advance may <u>gobble up</u> many strong points and prisoners of war.
438.	Goes out	Fails to function	My receiver <u>goes out</u> as soon as I move it.

439. Go for record	Do something officially	The general remarks to his staff just before entering combat for the first time: " <u>Now we go for record.</u> "
440. Goldbrick	A lazy person	Keep your eye on him; he is a <u>goldbrick</u> .
441. Gone to the dogs	In poor condition; become bad	There is no discipline. The unit has <u>gone to the dogs</u> .
442. Good deal, it's a	Wonderful; to one's liking	How do you like your new job? — <u>It's a good deal.</u>
443. Good word, what's the good word?	What's the latest news	<u>What's the good word?</u> I've been away a long time.
444. Goof off	Waste time; a time waster	He will <u>goof off</u> if you don't keep an eye on him. He's a goldbrick. I've got a <u>goof off</u> that I'd like to get rid of.
445. Goof up	Ruin; spoil	That fellow can <u>goof</u> things <u>up</u> faster than anyone I've ever known.
446. Go on the blink	Stop functioning	I've got to get my watch fixed. It's gone <u>on the blink</u> .
447. Goose egg	A swelling caused by a bump on the head; zero; no score	Where did you get that <u>goose egg</u> ? You must have received a terrible blow.
448. Go out	Quit; fail; stop working	The engine has <u>gone out</u> completely.
449. Got it made	Do not have to worry	If this meeting solves the problem, you've <u>got it made</u> .
450. Go to bat for	Defend the interest of; take care of	Don't worry! Captain Cole will <u>go to bat for</u> you, because he knows you didn't do anything wrong.
451. Go to pot	Deteriorate; fall to pieces; become worthless	Without good leadership, any unit will soon <u>go to pot</u> .
452. Go through the mill, to	To experience; to undergo hardship	The men have <u>to go through the mill</u> to be successful.
453. Graveyard shift, the	From 2200 to 0600; night work	It's your turn next month for the <u>graveyard shift</u> as duty officer.
454. Gravy, just	Something extra; free; gratis	These extra rounds of ammunition are <u>just gravy</u> .

455. Gravy train	An easy or profitable situation (see gravy, just straight gravy)	A day shift is a <u>gravy train</u> after you have been on the graveyard shift for a long time.
456. Grease the skids	Make sure ahead of time that something will succeed or progress easily	Leave it to him. He'll find a way to <u>grease the skids</u> .
457. Grind out	Advance slowly at great cost	Don't feel bad because your progress is so slow. Stay with it and <u>grind it out</u> .
458. Grind out	Produce on a regular basis	We are doing fine now. After a slow beginning, we are <u>grinding it out</u> .
459. Grind up	Inflict severe casualties on the enemy by successfully defeating his attacks	We <u>ground up</u> one attack after another.
460. Gripe, to	To complain; voice objections to	When morale is poor, the men are sure to <u>gripe</u> .
461. Grounded	Not permitted to fly	All our preplanned observation missions were <u>grounded</u> during the snowstorm.
462. Ground floor, to get in on	To be one of the first	He was promoted quickly because he was lucky to <u>get in on the ground floor</u> .
463. Ground rule	A normal procedure; a fixed rule	There's a <u>ground rule</u> here against such actions.
464. Ground work	Basic detail work	The early <u>ground work</u> on the plan was performed by the Assistant G3.
465. Guesstimate	A close guess based on experience (from guess and estimate)	I'd say the camp is about 10 miles straight ahead. That's a <u>guesstimate</u> , you know.
466. Gumbo	Mud; slush	No vehicle could move through such <u>gumbo</u> after four days' rain.
467. Gum up	Spoil; do poorly	I don't want to <u>gum up</u> this job, it's important to my future.
468. Gung-ho	Eager; aggressive	You can depend on him to do his part; he'll get with it because he's <u>gung-ho</u> .
469. Gunship	Armed helicopter	When the <u>gunship</u> came in, the enemy ran for cover.
470. Guts	The will to fight; bravery	The doughboy with the rifle is the one who has the <u>guts</u> in battle.

471. Hack it	Be able to perform satisfactorily; measure up to required standards	I think he can <u>hack it</u> , because I've seen him do other jobs just as difficult as this one.
472. Had it	Be defeated, tired, exhausted; fed up	We can't push on tonight. We've <u>had it</u> .
473. Hammer and tongs	With great force; to fight heavily; to engage closely	We fought the enemy <u>hammer and tongs</u> for two hours.
474. Handcarry (it)	Personally take a letter, report form, etc., instead of sending it by mail or through distribution	Please <u>handcarry</u> this report; don't send it by mail.
475. Hand; get out of hand	Get out of control	You've got to be very careful, otherwise the situation will <u>get out of hand</u> .
476. Hand in glove with	Closely together; closely related	The assistant G4 for transportation works <u>hand in glove with</u> the G3 on movement.
477. Hands are tied	Cannot act	My <u>hands are tied</u> . I cannot disobey my superior's orders.
478. Hands full; got his hands full	He's fully occupied	You can't expect him to do more than he is already doing, because he's <u>got his hands full</u> .
479. Hang around	Stay close by; wait	Don't go away; just <u>hang around</u> a minute. The doctor wants to see you.
480. Hang in there	Hang on	<u>Hang in there!</u> You'll make it through your difficult times.
481. Hang loose	Keep calm, don't get tense	<u>Hang loose!</u> Don't fire until I give the command.
482. Hang on	Continue with mission or duty	<u>Hang on</u> for eight hours; relief is on the way.
483. Hang on to	Keep	<u>Hang on to</u> your travel orders.
484. Hanky panky	Illicit; not approved of	It just isn't true that there is any <u>hanky panky</u> going on. My men are too honest for that sort of tricky business.
485. Hard and fast rule	Invariable; fixed	There is no <u>hard and fast rule</u> in such a situation.
486. Hard go of it	Difficulty	The troops in defense were having a <u>hard go of it</u> .
487. Hardnose	A person who enforces regulations strictly and sternly	You can't get away with anything under him. He's a <u>hardnose</u> .

488.	Hard time, give one a hard time	Make it more difficult than necessary for someone	They will give you a <u>hard time</u> at first just to see whether you can take it.
489.	Harp on	Continually stress one subject or point	He likes to <u>harp on</u> the importance of air superiority.
490.	Hash it over	Discuss the situation	You'd better <u>hash it over</u> with the commanding officer.
491.	Hassle	A fight; argument	The G4 and the Ordnance Officer had a big <u>hassle</u> about maintenance.
492.	Haul off and	Do something suddenly	Don't <u>haul off and</u> fire until the order is given.
493.	Haul out	Bring out of reserve; bring out or show	They are going to <u>haul</u> the new weapon <u>out</u> so that the visitors can see it.
494.	Haul out	Leave quickly	We had to <u>haul out</u> when the shells started to burst all around us.
495.	Have a ball	Enjoy one's self thoroughly	You should have been at the party. We <u>had</u> a <u>ball</u> .
496.	Have a go at it, to	To attempt; try	It will be a difficult stream to bridge, but the Engineers want <u>to have a go at it</u> anyway.
497.	Have a heyday	Have things one's own way	During the pursuit, our air forces will <u>have</u> a <u>heyday</u> with the retreating columns.
498.	Have an edge	Have an advantage	We <u>have an edge</u> over the enemy in firepower.
499.	Have it made	Be successful	If we can cut off the enemy's retreat, we'll <u>have it made</u> .
500.	Have on hand	Have; own	Each unit makes daily report on how much gas they <u>have on hand</u> .
501.	Have one's hands full	Be very busy or occupied with	Go see my assistant; I <u>have</u> my <u>hands full</u> right now.
502.	Hazy about	Doubtful about; not sure	I'm still <u>hazy about</u> when my unit will move.
503.	Headache	Trouble; difficulty	Maintenance of vehicles during an attack is always a <u>headache</u> .
504.	Head on, meet	Meet squarely or face-to-face	If we commit our reserve here, our two forces will <u>meet head on</u> .

505. Head over heels	In a completely confused state or condition	Where do you begin when everything is <u>head over heels</u> ?
506. Head shrinker	A person who specialized in mental illness, psychologist, psychiatrist, etc.	I don't know what's wrong with him. He gets everything all messed up. I'm thinking about sending him to a <u>head shrinker</u> .
507. Heads up	Pay attention; be alert	This is a dangerous mission. You can't relax for a moment. It's <u>heads up</u> all the time.
508. Head to toe, from	Completely	The barracks were inspected <u>from head to toe</u> .
509. Hedge, to	To avoid a decision	Don't try to <u>hedge</u> on the date the replacements are due; you've got to be more specific.
510. Held up	Delayed	Our forces were <u>held up</u> by heavy enemy fire.
511. Helter-skelter	In an unorganized way	The enemy patrol ran <u>helter-skelter</u> back to their own lines.
512. Hem in	Surround; isolate	By this turning movement, we can <u>hem in</u> the enemy unit.
513. Heyday, have a	Have no resistance	The pursuit planes will <u>have a heyday</u> with the retreating columns.
514. High and dry	Isolated; abandoned	The cracked-up plane was left <u>high and dry</u> in No Man's Land.
515. Highball	Give priority to; a salute or wave of greeting	If we can get the colonel to <u>highball</u> this project, we can go into high gear. He gave us the <u>highball</u> as he passed by.
516. High gear; go into high gear	Increase the speed of the operation to its maximum or greatest extent	We've finally solved our problem and are ready to <u>go into high gear</u> .
517. High sign	Signal to go ahead or proceed; a signal meaning anything pre-arranged	Give me the <u>high sign</u> when you see them depart. We're ready to move out, just waiting for the <u>high sign</u> .
518. Highlight	Most important point	The <u>highlight</u> of this operation will be the surprise element.
519. Highlight, to	To emphasize; stress	The purpose of this booklet is to <u>highlight</u> the slang you'll most often hear.
520. High-powered	Important	He was made Corps Chief of Staff, a very <u>high-powered</u> job.

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521.	Hightail, to	To leave hurriedly	We want the enemy to <u>hightail</u> to the rear without a real fight.
522.	Hike on foot, to	To march	There is no transportation; the troops will have to <u>hike on foot</u> .
523.	Hit or miss	Disorganized; poorly done	Do this again; it looks like a <u>hit or miss</u> job to me.
524.	Hits the nail on the head	Is exactly correct	Your solution <u>hits the nail on the head</u> .
525.	Hit the road	Begin; start	Well, let's <u>hit the road</u> ; we've still got three hours to return to the command post.
526.	Hit the sack	Go to sleep	I'm tired; I think I'll <u>hit the sack</u> .
527.	Hitch (to)	Drawback or hidden problem	Things are not going the way they should. There must be a <u>hitch</u> somewhere. That sounds too easy; there must be a <u>hitch</u> to it.
528.	Hit the ceiling	Lose one's temper	Joe will <u>hit the ceiling</u> when he finds out that he's going to be transferred.
529.	Hit the deck/dirt/ground	Fall prone; seek cover or shelter	We <u>hit the deck</u> when the bombers came over.
530.	Hit the roof	Lose one's temper	When the major found the mistake, he <u>hit the roof</u> .
531.	Hog wild	Extremely excited; with great	The men went <u>hog wild</u> when they won the game.
532.	Hold down; hold it down	Reduce to a minimum; be quiet; stop making noise	To preserve surprise, we will have to <u>hold down</u> all noise. Hold it down! You're too noisy.
533.	Hold down	Work at; keep; retain	I think he can <u>hold down</u> the new job. Give him a break and let him try it.
534.	Hold it	Stop it; wait	<u>Hold it!</u> Let's hear what the platoon leader has to say.
535.	Hold on	Persevere; continue to defeat	<u>Hold on</u> another hour and you will be relieved.
536.	Hold out	Continue to resist	You must <u>hold out</u> until relieved by the link-up forces.



537.	Hold out a unit	Keep in reserve	The 60th Infantry will <u>hold out</u> one battalion, subject to division orders.
538.	Hold up his end	Do his share of the work	Each staff officer must <u>hold up his end</u> of the load.
539.	Holding the bag, left	Be held responsible	If the rations don't arrive, the mess officer will be <u>left holding the bag</u> .
540.	Hold what you got	Remain as your are; continue the same course of action	This is a good plan, so <u>hold what you got</u> .
541.	Hold your horses	Wait a minute, please	<u>Hold your horses</u> and give me time to get ready.
542.	Honcho	The boss; the top man	Who is the <u>honcho</u> around here?
543.	Hook, on your own	On your own initiative	You do not have the authority to act <u>on your own hook</u> .
544.	Hookup	Join in communications; juncture	Can you contact the Battalion commander by some <u>hookup</u> ?
545.	Hook up with, to	To join, as in communications	Our flank patrol is <u>to hook up with</u> those of the adjacent division.
546.	Horn; on the horn	On the telephone or radio	Hold it! The chief is <u>on the horn</u> .
547.	Horns of a dilemma, on the	In a difficult position	What's your opinion? I'm <u>on the horns of a dilemma</u> .
548.	Hot (news, poop), the	Latest, important information	What's <u>the hot</u> (news, poop) from the front?
549.	Hot, not so hot	Less than perfect	I don't want to make him feel bad, but I'll have to tell him that his work is <u>not so hot</u> .
550.	Hot potato	Difficult problem; a situation	That question is some <u>hot potato</u> ; have you any ideas on it?
551.	Hot shot	Very efficient; very important person	This regimental S3 is really a <u>hot shot</u> on everything he does.
552.	Hot dog	To show off	Don't mind him, he's a <u>hot dog</u> .
553.	Hot time, to have a	A difficult fight	The 21st is likely <u>to have a hot time</u> over on the left.
554.	Hot-to-trot	Eager and ready to go	The men were <u>hot-to-trot</u> when they heard that we are going for broke on this mission.

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555.	Hot war	A shooting war	From April 1940 to May 1945, Europe was in a <u>hot war</u> .
556.	Hot water, in	In trouble	If that bridge goes out, we'll be <u>in hot water</u> .
557.	Hot work	Difficult	Fighting face to face is always <u>hot work</u> .
558.	How's that grab you?	What do you think of that? How does the situation affect you?	Frank is going to be our new honcho. <u>How's that grab you?</u>
559.	Hump; get a hump on	Hurry; move rapidly	<u>Get a hump on</u> ; we're running late.
560.	Humping; really humping	Moving rapidly, working hard	Things are <u>really humping</u> since the new boss took over.
561.	Hurting	Be damaged; be adversely affected by a situation; lack something (hurting for ammo)	We got hit pretty bad; we are really <u>hurting</u> . The competition is so great that we are <u>hurting</u> . We'll be <u>hurting</u> for ammo if we keep firing much longer.
562.	Hustler	One who hurries; one who makes money by questionable means	He is not well-liked because he is a <u>hustler</u> .
563.	Hustle on; get a hustle on	Hurry up	Tell the troops <u>to get a hustle on</u> . We've got to leave soon.
564.	Hustle (up)	Hurry	Let's <u>hustle up</u> and finish this job.
565.	I'll buy that	I agree	G4, your logistical plan looks OK to me; <u>I'll buy that</u> .
566.	I'll go along with that	I agree or accept	Captain, your plan looks OK to me; <u>I'll go along with that</u> .
567.	I'll go for that	I like that; that is wonderful	Would you like five days in the Army Leave Center? <u>I'll go for that</u> .
568.	I'll settle for that	I'll accept that	I need 40 trucks, but have only received 25, so <u>I'll settle for that</u> .
569.	I'm sold on	I like	<u>I'm sold on</u> the idea of small unit rotation.
570.	Indian	A subordinate	Well, here are my orders; I'll just be an <u>Indian</u> in the Pentagon.
571.	In/by my book	In my opinion	The captain is a superior leader <u>in my book</u> .
572.	In stride	Without stopping; without special preparations or getting excited	They took the counterattack <u>in stride</u> .

573.	In the air	Currently rumored/undecided; uncertain
574.	In the bag	Positive; certain
575.	In the face of	Confronted with
576.	In the know	Informed
577.	In the mill	Being processed
578.	In tune with	Agree; in accord with
579.	Ironclad rule	Invariable; without exception
580.	Irons in the fire; have irons in the fire	Have projects going
B-37 581.	Iron out, to	To arrange the details of; to coordinate
582.	It beats me	I don't know the answer
583.	It's all yours	It's your problem
584.	It's at a premium	Badly needed
585.	It's in your (hands; lap)	It's your problem
586.	It's beyond me	I don't understand this
587.	It's (your baby) yours	It's your problem
588.	It strikes me that	I think; believe

It's in the air that a lot of changes are going to be made. All plans are in the air since the Old Man received his orders.

After we take that last defile, the surrender is in the bag.

They remained calm even in the face of such great danger.

The colonel can answer that question. He's the man in the know around here.

All outstanding requisitions still in the mill are canceled.

All division operations must be in tune with the commander's operations.

It is an ironclad rule that subordinates respect supervisors.

We can't give Bill another project, because he already has a lot of irons in the fire.

You must see the Division Adjutant to iron out this rotation program.

I don't know how they found out about our plans; it beats me.

I want a recommendation on this problem before 1700; it's all yours.

Gas is at a premium after a siege of 48 hours.

What are we going to do about this? It's in your hands.

I can't understand why there's no news; it's beyond me.

What are we going to do about this? It's your baby. (It's all yours.)

It strikes me that we need reinforcements just to be safe.

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589.	Jam, in a	In trouble	That battalion is out of ammunition and gas. They're <u>in a jam</u> for sure.
590.	Jammed up	Crowded	We couldn't get through because traffic was so <u>jammed up</u> .
591.	Jazz; and all that jazz	Etc.; stuff	He talked about small arms, firing positions, and <u>all that jazz</u> .
592.	Jazz it up	Move faster; make it fancy	We're late; <u>jazz it up</u> . That's a good speech, but <u>it would be better if you would jazz it up a little</u> .
593.	Jelled	Decided; resolved	Our plans were all <u>jelled</u> before the commander returned.
594.	Jet jockey	Jet aircraft pilot	If you are really interested in flying, why don't you become a <u>jet jockey</u> ?
595.	Jibe with, to	To agree with	This report appears to <u>jibe with</u> what the observation team indicated.
596.	Jigsaw	Riddle; all mixed up	G2 is the one who must solve the <u>jigsaw</u> puzzle of enemy strategy.
597.	Jittery	Worried; excited	Don't be so <u>jittery</u> ; our plans are well-organized.
598.	Joke	Trick; difficult point	The <u>joke</u> is that the Army can't evacuate our prisoners of war for three days.
599.	Jump ahead of, one	Planned in advance	I'm <u>one jump ahead of</u> you; I've already arranged that.
600.	Jump off, to (of an attack)	To begin	Our attack is <u>to jump off</u> tomorrow morning at 0430.
601.	Jump on	Reprimand sharply	When something goes wrong, the sergeant always <u>jumps on</u> me.
602.	Jump on	Have the advantage through having acted earlier	We have the <u>jump on</u> them, because we started two hours earlier.
603.	Jump to conclusions	Decide too quickly	This is serious; don't <u>jump to conclusions</u> .
604.	Jump up on, one jump up on	Have an advantage gained through acting earlier	It seems that the enemy is already <u>one jump up on us</u> .
605.	Junk (it)	Throw away	Let's <u>junk</u> that old tire, <u>it's</u> worn out.

606.	Junk	Useless, worthless items	We've got to get rid of this <u>junk</u> or find a place to put it.
607.	Junk; and all that junk	Etc.	We had to load the trucks, unload them, <u>and all that junk</u> .
608.	Keep clear of, to	To avoid	Warn your men <u>to keep clear of</u> that minefield near you.
609.	Keep close tabs on, to	To watch closely	We will have to <u>keep close tabs on</u> that enemy armored division.
610.	Keep cool	Stay calm	It's not going to be easy, but try to <u>keep cool</u> when the firing starts.
611.	Keep hammering at	Continue to attack	<u>Keep hammering at</u> them in that area until we open their line.
612.	Keep one in the picture, to	To advise; to inform	G2, be sure <u>to keep me in the picture</u> on any new enemy reinforcements.
613.	Keep in mind	Remember	We must <u>keep in mind</u> our final objective and our mission.
614.	Keep the ball rolling	Don't let things slow down	The enemy is on the run. Don't let up now. <u>Keep the ball rolling</u> .
615.	Keep the enemy off your back	Prevent the enemy from bothering you	In a withdrawal, the purpose of the detachment left in contact is to <u>keep the enemy off your back</u> .
616.	Keep your cool	Stay calm	You'll come through all right if you remember to <u>keep your cool</u> .
617.	Keep your finger on it	To control or keep in contact with	You have <u>to keep your finger on</u> everyone involved at all times.
618.	Keep your head	Don't get excited	Don't get excited during the attack; just <u>keep your head</u> .
619.	Keep your nose clean	Stay out of trouble	Go ahead and have a good time, but <u>keep your nose clean</u> while you are in town.
620.	Keep your shirt on	Wait; don't be in a hurry	I told him to <u>keep his shirt on</u> , no matter what happened.
621.	Keep your wits about you	Be calm	Don't get excited during the enemy attack; just <u>keep your wits about you</u> .

622. Keystone	The principal point	The <u>keystone</u> of the maintenance system is the user of equipment.
623. Kick around, to	To discuss	We've got two days <u>to kick the plan around</u> before deciding on a solution.
624. Kickoff, at the	At the beginning	The General went down to the 59th Infantry to watch the attack <u>at the kickoff</u> .
625. Kickoff, to	To begin	The red flare was the signal to <u>kickoff</u> the attack.
626. Kid gloves, handle with	Treat very carefully	Joe is a nice fellow, but you have to handle him <u>with kid gloves</u> .
627. Kiss off	Ignore	It's not important. <u>Kiss it off</u> .
628. Klick(s)	A kilometer	That's straight ahead about 15 <u>klicks</u> .
629. Knock-down-and-drag-out affair	A fight to the conclusion	The air battle, like ours on the ground, turned into a <u>knock-down-and-drag-out affair</u> .
630. Knock it	Make fun of	Don't <u>knock it</u> until you have tried it.
631. Knock it off	Shut up; cease; stop it	<u>Knock it off!</u> We can't have a discussion of the matter while everyone is talking at the same time.
632. Knock (off) (out), to	To kill; take out of action	We tried <u>to knock off</u> the enemy artillery the first day.
633. Knockout punch	The operation, force, etc., that defeated the enemy	Our unit delivered the <u>knockout punch</u> .
634. Know-how, the	The ability, the knowledge	With all his past experience, he's got <u>the know-how</u> to be a good G3.
635. Know the ropes, to	To know the procedures	As a former G3, he ought <u>to know the ropes</u> quite well.
636. Know the score, to	To be intelligent; to know	He ought <u>to know the score</u> all right; he didn't get to be a colonel because he was stupid.
637. Know your way around, to	To be (become) familiar with	In each new job, it takes time <u>to know your way around</u> .
638. Knuckle under/ Knuckle down	Subordinate one's self	Keep the pressure on him and he'll <u>knuckle under</u> .

639. Last ditch/last ditch effort	Final resistance or effort	When we blew up all bridges in the rear, the enemy had to make a <u>last ditch</u> effort.
640. Last inning(s), in the	In the final phase	We launched our exploiting forces <u>in the last innings</u> of the campaign.
641. Last legs	Making one's final resistance	Come on, they're on their <u>last legs</u> ; let's get in eyeball to eyeball.
642. Last resort, as a	As a final means	The service elements of the division are used in combat only <u>as a last resort</u> .
643. Last stand	Final resistance	The Battle of the Bulge was really the German Army's <u>last stand</u> .
644. Late shift	Late tour of duty	I'm on duty from 2000-0600; that's the <u>late shift</u> .
645. Lay a trap	Prepare a trap	Before leaving the position, LT Wood ordered the unit to <u>lay a trap</u> for the enemy.
646. Lay down the law	Establish and enforce regulations and discipline	The first day the colonel was here he <u>laid down the law</u> to his men.
647. Lay it in his lap	Give him the problem	It's his responsibility, so <u>lay it in his lap</u> .
648. Lay it out (on the table)	Explain clearly and thoroughly	Since we don't understand his plan, we'll have to ask the major to <u>lay it on the table</u> .
649. Lay on	Prearrange; prepare	G3 Air, <u>lay on</u> three air alert missions for tomorrow's attack.
650. Layout	Physical arrangement	The <u>layout</u> of the Communications Center must be efficient and convenient.
651. Lay the cards on the table, to	To explain all the details	Before he commits the reserve company, he will have to <u>lay the cards on the table</u> to the Old Man.
652. Lay the groundwork for, to	To make first preparations	A part of the staff is detached <u>to lay the groundwork</u> for the next operation.
653. Lay your hands on, to	To secure; obtain	You've got to <u>lay your hands on</u> more ammunition somewhere.
654. Leaning forward in their foxholes	Troops are ready and eager to begin the attack	At H-hour, all troops were <u>leaning forward in their foxholes</u> .
655. Learn the ropes	Learn the standard procedures; learn the job	It takes time to really <u>learn the ropes</u> when you are assigned to a new unit.

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656. Leg up on, to have a/to be a	To be ahead of; referring to climbing a ladder	If you learn the terminology and acronyms, you will have a leg up on the rest of the soldiers in your group.
657. Let's blow	Let's go; let's leave	<u>Let's blow!</u> We've got to be back in an hour.
658. Let's get going	Let's begin	We're late already; <u>let's get going</u> back to the division rear echelon.
659. Let's take a look (at) (into)	Let's examine	On the way, <u>let's take a look at</u> the plan for tomorrow.
660. Letter of the law	Each detail of the law	We've done nothing wrong, so we've complied with the <u>letter of the law</u> .
661. Lie low	Out of sight	<u>Lie low</u> until the enemy patrol passes.
662. Like a bat out of hell	Quickly; very fast	He lit the fuse and ran <u>like a bat out of hell</u> .
663. Line buck, to make a	To penetrate	Since the enemy flanks are secure, we'll have <u>to make a line buck</u> .
664. Live off (the fat the land), to	To use local resources, to enjoy the best	Aggressor policy is <u>to live off the land</u> as much as possible.
665. Lock horns with	Argue; engage in a (fight, discussion) with	If we attack there, we'll only <u>lock horns</u> with his prepared position.
666. Look down your throat	Have dominant observation	From that hill mass, the enemy can <u>look down your throat</u> .
667. Looking good	A good or acceptable program	The program is <u>looking good</u> .
668. Look into	Examine	Here's this report, Captain; <u>look into</u> this at once, please.
669. Look into the crystal ball	Make a guess	A good G2 doesn't <u>look into the crystal ball</u> ; he looks for indications.
670. Louse up	Spoil; ruin	If you don't follow the commands closely, you'll <u>louse up</u> the maneuver.
671. Lower the boom, to	To strike a heavy blow	Our air support should really be able <u>to lower the boom</u> on them.
672. Low gear, go into low gear	Reduce speed or output in order to apply more force or do more thorough work	We may have <u>to go into low gear</u> in order to avoid so many failures.



673. Lump together	Add; total	<u>Lump together</u> all the data on this situation for me.
674. Made a fine play	Did something very well	The tank infantry team <u>made a fine play</u> through that hole.
675. Make a big deal out of something, to	Make a mountain out of a molehill	He always <u>makes a big deal out of</u> his job. He blows it out of proportion.
676. Make a monkey out of	Be made foolish; appear foolish	If you try to argue with him, he'll <u>make a monkey out of</u> you. Don't forget that he's well-informed.
677. Make a mountain out of a molehill	Made a small problem into a big problem	This is really a small problem, so don't <u>make a mountain out of a molehill</u> .
678. Make a stab at it	Attempt; try; guess	I don't know the correct answer, but I'll <u>make a stab at it</u> .
679. Make do	Use what you have in the absence of what you want or need	I can't give you another man; you'll have to <u>make do</u> with the men you have.
680. Make good, to	To be successful	We expect division units <u>to make good</u> on their combat readiness tests.
681. Make out	Exist on minimal; doing well in the situation	It's hard to understand how some people <u>make out</u> on so little. He's <u>making out</u> all right in his new assignment.
682. Makeup	Composition; arrangement	The <u>makeup</u> of that task force parallels that of a covering force.
683. Manhandle	Move equipment, supplies, etc., by hand; to handle roughly	We'll have to <u>manhandle</u> the supplies because the trucks are broken down.
684. Manhour	Work of one man for one hour	Five <u>manhours</u> are needed to get that truck operating again.
685. Mauled	Damaged; hurt	The troops in the counterattack, though successful, were severely <u>mauled</u> .
686. Means to the end	Means of accomplishing something	Clarity in operation orders is only one <u>means to the end</u> .
687. Meat of the matter	The important point	The <u>meat of the matter</u> is contained in the second paragraph.
688. Mess around	Waste time or effort	He's not trying to finish the assignment. He's just <u>messing around</u> .

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689. Mess up	Ruin; spoil	You're in command now, so don't <u>mess up</u> your chances.
690. Mill; has been through the mill	Seen a lot of action; is experienced	This weapon <u>has gone through the mill</u> . It was easy to see that he <u>had been through the mill</u> .
691. Miss by a mile	Be far wrong	You can <u>miss</u> the enemy's movements <u>by a mile</u> if you don't have sufficient information.
692. Miss the boat	Fail	He will <u>miss the boat</u> completely if he overestimates the enemy strategy.
693. Mooch	Continually borrow or beg	He has a bad habit of <u>mooching</u> things instead of buying them.
694. Mop up	Finish	The 20th Infantry, following the 23d Armored, will <u>mop up</u> the last enemy resistance.
695. Move out, to	To begin movement or march	The leading serials will have <u>to move out</u> of their areas right on time.
696. Move up a notch	Advance, as in promotion	Next month I'll <u>move up a notch</u> from Asst G3 to G3.
697. Mow down	Wound or kill many	Our interlocking fire will <u>mow down</u> the enemy infantry.
698. Muddle through	Succeed, although your actions have not always been efficient	You've got a choice. You can follow a plan or <u>muddle through</u> .
699. Muddle	Confused	This latest dope leaves me more <u>muddled</u> than before.
700. Muff your chance	Fail; miss	Don't <u>muff your chance</u> to earn a promotion.
701. Mull over, to	To think about	Wait a minute; I've got <u>to mull over</u> this news awhile.
702. Nail down	Determine exactly	Have you determined what is wrong yet? Yes. I think we've finally <u>nailed it down</u> .
703. Nail him to the cross	Impose or inflict the most severe punishment	He'll be <u>nailed to the cross</u> if he doesn't follow orders.
704. Nail one down	Force a person to commit himself	It's hard to <u>nail him down</u> , because he refuses to answer some of the questions.
705. Nail on the head, hit the nail on the head	Be exactly correct	You <u>hit the nail on the head</u> when you said hand-to-hand combat is a nasty business.

706. Narrow squeak/ squeeze	Just barely successful; a close escape	I made it in on time, but it was a <u>narrow squeeze</u> . It was a <u>narrow squeak</u> ; an <u>inch</u> higher and the bullet would have hit the heart.
707. Nasty business	Dirty work	The Mobile Army Surgical Hospital will have a lot of <u>nasty business</u> after the attack.
708. Needle	Annoy; disturb	<u>Needle</u> him with questions to make him talk.
709. Never say die	Never give up hope	We still have a chance, you know, so <u>never say die</u> .
710. Never mind	Forget about it	<u>Never mind</u> ; I will submit a new plan.
711. Nip and tuck	Very close; almost evenly matched	The fighting on our first objective was <u>nip and tuck</u> .
712. Nitpick	Bother with minor questions or criticisms	Don't <u>nitpick</u> your instructors; they've got a lot to cover.
713. Nose around	Informally visit, converse, etc., for the purpose of obtaining information unofficially	Now I know why you know so much about what is going on in other organizations. You have been <u>nosing around</u> .
714. Nose for it	Have a talent for something	Give the regulation to Bill; he has a <u>nose for</u> finding mistakes.
715. Nose, on the	Squarely; exactly; correctly	He answered that question <u>on the nose</u> .
716. Nose to the grindstone	Hard work	He really has his <u>nose to the grindstone</u> .
717. No strings attached	Freely with no limitations	There are <u>no strings attached</u> , you are free to proceed as you think best.
718. No sweat	No difficulty; no problem	Do you need help with your report? <u>No sweat</u> . I'll be through real soon now.
719. Not by a long shot	Definitely not	He's a good leader, but he is <u>not</u> the best, <u>by a long shot</u> .
720. No joy	Radio procedure term used to indicate no contact with the enemy	The pilot made no contact with the enemy. So he transmitted the term <u>no joy</u> .
721. Nosy	Prying; inquisitive	He is so <u>nosy</u> . He has to know what everybody is doing even though it is none of his business.
722. Number one	The best; the top man; the person in command	As far as I'm concerned, Major Sims is <u>number one</u> . See the major; he is <u>number one</u> around here.

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723. Nutshell, in a	Briefly	<u>In a nutshell</u> , General, we can support your plan.
724. Off-balance, to catch	To find unprepared	By attacking at 2300, we should be able to <u>catch</u> the enemy <u>off-balance</u> .
725. Off base	Wrong, incorrect	You are way <u>off base</u> on your time and space calculations.
726. Offhand	At first glance	<u>Offhand</u> , I'd say we'll capture 200 prisoners on D-day.
727. Off the cuff; record	Not official; not to be quoted	Here are some factors to help you, which I'll give you <u>off the cuff</u> .
728. Off the track	Away from; unaware	This maneuver will keep the enemy <u>off the track</u> of our main effort.
729. OJT	Abbreviation for On-the-Job Training or On-the-Job Trainee	He needs a lot of <u>OJT</u> .
730. OK, OKAY	All right; correct	Your plan is <u>OK</u> .
731. Old Man	Your senior officer	The <u>Old Man</u> doesn't always agree with his G3, does he?
732. Old standby	Someone or something which has proved reliable	The Commander is permitted to select his <u>old standby</u> as his Chief of Staff.
733. Old stuff, that's	Familiar to everyone	<u>That's old stuff</u> ; it was in use at the outbreak of World War II.
734. Once-over	Look at briefly or quickly	Give this regulation a <u>once-over</u> and tell me what you think about it.
735. One-shot	Once only	We can give it a <u>one-shot</u> treatment.
736. On the beam	Following the correct course of action or thought	This is exactly the way you should operate. You are <u>on the beam</u> .
737. On the carpet	To reprimand	The Old Man is going to put him <u>on the carpet</u> because of the serious mistake he made.
738. On the double	Quickly; rapidly	<u>On the double</u> , men! We must be on time for the briefing.
739. On the drawing board	Being planned	We have several new jet planes <u>on the drawing board</u> .
740. On the face of it	At first look	Your landing plan, <u>on the face of it</u> , looks OK to me.

741. On the fence	Undecided	Right now, he's <u>on the fence</u> about the two courses of action.
742. On the hook	In a difficult position	You've got me <u>on the hook</u> ; I just don't know the correct solution.
743. On the last lap	Near the end	Here is the Command Post; we're <u>on the last lap</u> now.
744. On the ropes	Almost defeated	The enemy is <u>on the ropes</u> now; keep hammering at him.
745. On the spot	In a position requiring a decision	Your question puts me <u>on the spot</u> , but here's my recommendation.
746. On your own	Independent; alone	During an independent operation, you're pretty well <u>on your own</u> .
747. Open-and-shut	Sure; certain; positive	They had an <u>open-and-shut</u> case against the accused.
748. Outfit	Unit; organization	Hospital returnees should be reassigned to their old <u>outfit</u> .
749. Out of hand	Out of control	During a bottleneck, traffic is nearly always <u>out of hand</u> .
750. Out on a limb	Undecided; doubtful	That question puts me <u>out on a limb</u> ; frankly, I don't know the answer.
751. Overall picture	Complete situation	I can brief you on the <u>overall picture</u> in 10 minutes.
752. Over his head, to go	To appeal to higher authority	If he refuses your request, you ought <u>to go over his head</u> .
753. Over my head	Difficult to understand	His explanation is <u>over my head</u> .
754. Overrun	Subdue an enemy before he has an opportunity to retreat or withdraw	<u>To overrun</u> the enemy may be more difficult than you think.
755. Over the hill; go over the hill	Desert; go AWOL	We need to know more about why soldiers <u>go over the hill</u> .
756. Over the hump	Past the main or difficult part; near the end of something; going downhill	When we take the next hill, we'll be <u>over the hump</u> .

757. Pack	Have; carry; deliver	This is a powerful weapon; it <u>packs</u> a wallop. That is, it delivers a hard blow.
758. Pack a wallop, to	To be powerful; strong	Any weapon will have to <u>pack a wallop</u> to be effective in this situation.
759. Pad	Living quarters (room, apartment, or home)	Come over to my <u>pad</u> and let's listen to some records.
760. Paint a rosy picture, to	To describe in an ideal manner	He is not always reliable; he tends to <u>paint a rosy picture</u> too often.
761. Pan out	Yield a result; turn out	Our plan to surprise the enemy did not <u>pan out</u> very well.
762. Par for the course, that's par for the course.	That's typical for the situation	So you made some mistakes on your first patrol. Don't worry too much. That's <u>par for the course</u> .
763. Passe	No longer used	The use of messenger pigeons is almost <u>passe</u> .
764. Pass the buck, to	To avoid responsibility by giving it to another	Don't try to <u>pass the buck</u> to me; that problem is yours.
765. Pass the word down the line	Communicate; convey the message	<u>Pass the word down the line</u> about the possible use of gas masks.
766. Pat answer	A sure, specific reply	This question calls for a <u>pat answer</u> .
767. Pat, have down	To memorize	The patrol will <u>have</u> the area <u>down pat</u> .
768. Pay dearly	Be costly	If we try to infiltrate, we'll <u>pay dearly</u> for it in lives.
769. Payload	The largest amount that can be carried without damage to the carrier	Be careful about putting too great a load on these trucks; don't exceed the <u>payload</u> .
770. Payoff, the	The result; climax	<u>The payoff</u> of proper fire support coordination is the enemy's defeat.
771. Pay off, to	To produce good results	Good maintenance ought to <u>pay off</u> in a reduced number of deadlined vehicles.
772. Pay through the nose	Pay a higher price; put in a position where you must pay whatever the opposition demands	I bought a nice shirt, but I had to <u>pay through the nose</u> . We reached an agreement with the enemy but we had to <u>pay through the nose</u> .

773. Peak load	Greatest amount of work	G3 has his <u>peak load</u> from about 0900 to 1800.
774. Pep it up	Hurry it up; be more enthusiastic	We've got to <u>pep it up</u> or we'll never get the job finished.
775. Pep talk, a	A talk to raise morale	What's the matter? You need <u>a pep talk</u> .
776. Pet peeve(s)	Subject(s) which is(are) a main or major source of annoyance	Don't talk about supply problems with him; that's one of his <u>pet peeves</u> .
777. Pet subject	Favorite topic	Military history is the Colonel's <u>pet subject</u> .
778. Petty (person), he is (a) petty (person)	A person who creates a lot of trouble by his constant criticism about minor and unimportant details	I'm tired of listening to his constant nit-picking. In my book, he's just a <u>petty person</u> . Why can't he think about major things?
779. Pick and shovel work	Difficult assignment(s)	The Indians on a staff do most of the <u>pick and shovel work</u> .
780. Pick out of thin air	To guess	There are several possible solutions, so I'll <u>pick one out of thin air</u> .
781. Pig out	To eat a lot of food	I was so hungry I really <u>pigged out</u> .
782. Pin down the enemy	Keep the enemy in control	Our artillery will <u>pin down the enemy</u> indefinitely.
783. Pinpoint	Locate accurately	You must <u>pinpoint</u> your targets when requesting artillery support.
784. Pipeline, in the	According to requisition	Individually trained replacements arrive in the <u>pipeline</u> .
785. Plant, a	A spy	Some CID men mingle with refugees as <u>a plant</u> to discover enemy agents.
786. Plant	Take a position; put into position	<u>Plant</u> your right foot about two feet ahead of your left foot. <u>Plant</u> your machinegun over there on that hill.
787. Plaster, to	To destroy	Ask for an air strike <u>to plaster</u> that target.
788. Play games	Be childish; be playful; not serious	We have an important job to do. Let's not <u>play games</u> .
789. Play it by ear	Operate independently and in response to the needs of the situation	If the situation changes from time to time, or from day to day, you may have to <u>play it by ear</u> instead of following a fixed plan.

790. Play it cool	Don't get excited; don't do anything rash	Don't get angry and fight the system. <u>Play it cool.</u>
791. Play safe, to	To be cautious	On the defense, we requisition extra Class V supplies <u>just to play safe.</u>
792. Plow through	Pass through quickly	An armored division cannot <u>plow through</u> heavily fortified positions.
793. Plug the gap	Stop a breakthrough	The General committed the Engineer Battalion to <u>plug the gap.</u>
794. Plush job, a	An easy job; a luxury	The Division Commander's trailer is a <u>plush job</u> as a home to the field.
795. Point	Lead element in a movement or attack	Your squad will take <u>point</u> position in this attack.
796. Point, there is no	There is no reason	<u>There is no point</u> in asking for it; there are none in stock.
797. Point up	Emphasize; reveal	The arrival of enemy reinforcements would <u>point up</u> a stiffening defense.
798. Polish off, to	To defeat; complete	The mission of this unit is to <u>polish off</u> remaining resistance.
799. Poll the class	Take a vote; ask for opinions	I'll <u>poll the class</u> on these three courses of action.
800. Poop	Information	According to the <u>poop</u> , we'll occupy blocking positions.
801. Pooped out	Tired, exhausted	In mountain operations, men become <u>pooped out</u> easily.
802. Poopsheet	Information sheet	Where is that movement <u>poopsheet</u> with the critical points on the route?
803. Pop up	Happen	In a meeting engagement, anything can <u>pop up</u> , so be on the alert.
804. Pound to pieces	Strike or attack heavily	Our artillery fire will <u>pound to pieces</u> any defense they establish.
805. Pour out the lead	Shoot a great deal of ammunition	This new automatic rifle can really <u>pour out the lead.</u>
806. Power play	A strong movement	A penetration is normally a <u>power play</u> through the middle.



807. Pressed for time	Have very little time	A piecemeal attack is made when you're <u>pressed for time</u> .
808. Pro and con	For and against	Let's discuss the <u>pro and con</u> of this course of action.
809. Prod, to	To urge	Someone ought <u>to prod</u> the Old Man into taking action.
810. Pull (duty): pull guard; pull night duty; pull patrol; pull CQ	Be assigned to perform a temporary duty	It's my turn to <u>pull duty</u> . I have to <u>pull CQ</u> tomorrow.
811. Pull off an operation	Execute a maneuver	We can't <u>pull off this operation</u> without control of the sea approaches.
812. Pull any punch(es)	Soften the effect of one's actions	We've got plenty of ammunition, so don't <u>pull any punch(es)</u> .
813. Pulls out	Departs; withdraws	When a unit <u>pulls out</u> by order, it also pulls stakes.
814. Pulls stakes, to	To depart	The enemy had <u>to pull stakes</u> and hightail it.
815. Punch through	Penetrate	If we can <u>punch through</u> to Hill 201, we've got it made.
816. Push off, to	To begin	The predawn attack is scheduled <u>to push off</u> at 0317.
817. Push on, to	To advance	In the pursuit, mobile forces are <u>to push on</u> to cut off the enemy retreat.
818. Push the panic button	Panic; get extremely excited	Don't get excited and <u>push the panic button</u> .
819. Put a handle on	Give something a name; be specific	Can you <u>put a handle</u> on that new gadget? I never heard of it.
820. Put him on the spot	Place him in a difficult position	A feint will <u>put him on the spot</u> as to where our main effort is.
821. Put out an order	Publish an order	<u>Put out an order</u> in compliance with the Old Man's request.
822. Put out the poop	Publish the information	I'll <u>put out the poop</u> on the overall picture periodically.

823.	Put your finger on it	Be specific; explain	Where's the gimmick in this? Can you <u>put your finger on it</u> ?
824.	Quibble	Argue over a small point	Let's not <u>quibble</u> on the form; complete it without delay.
825.	Rack up, to	To scare; accumulate points	Once the overall concept is known, you can begin <u>to rack up</u> the points.
826.	Ramrod	Supervise; be in control	Smith says that either he's going to <u>ramrod</u> the deal or he won't have anything to do with it.
827.	Rat on	To tell on	Don't do or say anything around that guy, he will <u>rat on</u> you.
828.	Raw deal	Bad treatment; unfair or unjust treatment	Brown feels that he got a <u>raw deal</u> in the reassignment.
829.	Recap, to	To recapitulate; to summarize	<u>To recap</u> briefly, our advance during the past 24 hours has encountered stiff resistance.
830.	Recon	Reconnaissance	This is a typical <u>recon</u> and fighter airfield of the tactical air force.
831.	Rehash	Discuss again; review	Let's <u>rehash</u> the situation briefly; first, bring out all significant new enemy reinforcements.
832.	Resume	A summary	A brief <u>resume</u> is the same as a recap.
833.	Rigamarole	Puzzle; complicated process	The observation section can help the G2 solve the <u>rigamarole</u> of enemy tactics.
834.	Right down my alley	Very familiar to me	I'd like that job, sir; it's <u>right down my alley</u> .
835.	Right down the line	According to standard procedures	We've made many administrative moves; this one's <u>right down the line</u> .
836.	Ripe, the situation is	The correct time to act	<u>The situation is ripe</u> for our counterattack, General.
837.	Road map	Circuit of schematic diagram	Let's review the <u>road map</u> on this transmitter.
838.	Roof falls in, the	Everything collapses	When all defense units are surrounded, <u>the roof falls in</u> .
839.	Roped in	Given a job unwillingly	He was <u>roped in</u> to help the inspection team today.

840. Rough going, have	Have difficulty	Our patrols on the mountains <u>have rough going</u> when communications fail.
841. Rough idea, a	A general conception or picture	A brief resume gives you <u>a rough idea</u> of past action.
842. Rough time	Difficult time	With his two assistants absent, the chief was having a <u>rough time</u> .
843. Round figures, in	Approximately	Our losses to date <u>in round figures</u> amount to about 2,100.
844. Rub	Difficulty	The <u>rub</u> is that we have no spare parts available.
845. Rule of thumb	Fixed rule	There is no <u>rule of thumb</u> to solve all your problems.
846. Run, to	To command	The Executive Officer will have <u>to run</u> the company during the Company Commander's leave.
847. Run (it) down	Trace something to its source; try to find out where something originated	We can't find the message you're talking about, but we're trying to <u>run it down</u> .
848. Rundown, give a	Summarize; describe	The G3 can <u>give a rundown</u> at any time of all units organic and attached to the division.
849. Run into a stone wall	Unable to penetrate; impossible to find the answer	We'll <u>run into a stone wall</u> when we get to that fortified position.
850. Run low, to	To have only a little of; to need	We're about <u>to run low</u> of water; send back for more.
851. Run-of-the-mill	Average; normal	The recent sporadic enemy air attacks only show <u>run-of-the-mill</u> air activity.
852. Run, on the	To run or moving quickly	We've got them <u>on the run</u> . Bring up the ammunition <u>on the run</u> , Joe.
853. Run that by again	Say that again; repeat what you said	You'd better <u>run that by again</u> , because nobody understood what you said the first time.
854. Run the show, to	To command; to be in charge	Your job is <u>to run the show</u> at your assigned position.
855. Sack out	Sleep	I can't keep awake any longer. I'm going to <u>sack out</u> .

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856. Sack rat	One who likes to sleep or sleeps a lot	Bill is a <u>sack rat</u> , so don't send him on a night patrol.
857. Saddled with	Having the responsibility	The Military Government Officer is <u>saddled with the problems</u> of the refugee.
858. Saved by the bell	Had a very narrow escape; just barely escaped disaster	It looked awfully bad for us for awhile but we were <u>saved by the bell</u> .
859. Save your skin/hide	Protect yourself	Your first thought in battle is how to <u>save your own skin</u> .
860. Savvy	Understand; intelligence	Now I <u>savvy</u> the situation. That S3 has lots of <u>savvy</u> .
861. Scale down, to	To reduce	We'll have to <u>scale down</u> our assault echelon because we don't have sufficient reserves.
862. Scapegoat	One who is blamed	The MP is usually the <u>scapegoat</u> if the traffic becomes congested.
863. Scare up	Find or locate something that's rather hard to find	We could hold the position if we could <u>scare up</u> some more ammunition.
864. Schedule, tight	A great deal in a very short period of time	Visiting four divisions in one day is a <u>tight schedule</u> .
865. Score; know the score	Understand something; know the procedures; not naive	See Jim about that; he <u>knows the score</u> better than anyone here.
866. Scram	Depart	Wow, there are three tanks coming; let's <u>scram</u> into this gully.
867. Scramble	Gather your equipment and move into position quickly	We may have to <u>scramble</u> on short notice, so be ready.
868. Scrap	A fight	Our main effort was engaged in a hot <u>scrap</u> all morning.
869. Scrape together	Save with difficulty	It required four days for our S4 to <u>scrape together</u> enough rations for the forced march.
870. Scraping the bottom of the barrel	Having to use inferior supplies, men, equipment, etc., because the best quality has already been used; getting the very last of something	Tell Supply to rush the material to us. We're <u>scraping the bottom of the barrel</u> .

871. Scratch off	Eliminate	<u>Scratch off</u> the two bulldozers on his requisition; they aren't available.
872. Screw up	Ruin; spoil; make a mistake	He'll be in serious trouble if he <u>screws up</u> this assignment. He'll be reprimanded if he <u>screws up</u> again.
873. Scrimmaging	Light action	There was only light <u>scrimmaging</u> all along the main line of resistance.
874. Scrub	Delete; cancel; omit; remove from consideration	Don't be surprised if headquarters decides to <u>scrub</u> the operation.
875. Second best, to come out	To fail; to lose	I am afraid we are going <u>to come out second best</u> .
876. See the light, to	To understand	Thank you for your explanation. Now I begin <u>to see the light</u> .
877. Sell him a bill of goods, to	To influence; convince; to accept a bogus concept or product	I've tried <u>to sell him a bill of goods</u> , but he's not yet convinced.
878. Settle for	Agree on; accept	OK, I'll <u>settle for</u> one extra truck, although I need two.
879. Set rule	Answer; solution; regulation	There's no <u>set rule</u> for each situation; use your imagination and initiative.
880. Set up, to	To prepare, establish	At the evening briefing, we are going <u>to set up</u> plans for next day's mission.
881. Setup	Arrangement; something very easy or certain	The <u>setup</u> of the G2-G3 tent must not be dominated by the G3 Section. That salient will prove to be a <u>setup</u> for our flanking fires.
882. Sewed up	Ready; engaged; busy	G4, are all the plans for the forward movement <u>sewed up</u> ? I couldn't see the Old Man; all his time was <u>sewed up</u> with VIP's.
883. Shaft	Unfair or unjust treatment	No wonder he's so upset. He got the <u>shaft</u> .
884. Shakedown (cruise)	A test conducted to become familiar with something	We learned a lot during the <u>shakedown</u> .
885. Shakedown	A quick, surprise check or search	Be careful about what you have in your barracks, because you never know when to expect a <u>shakedown</u> .

886. Shake loose	Release; free	If we can <u>shake loose</u> that Armored Division, we've got it made.
887. Shake-off, to	Get rid of; lose	After an atomic attack, you've got <u>to shake-off</u> fear and resume the attack.
888. Shake-up	Change	Because of the last defeat, there will be a <u>shake-up</u> in command.
889. Shaky on	Weak or doubtful about	I'm a little <u>shaky on</u> my figures, Dan; can you check them?
890. Shape up, to	To take definite form; to meet requirements	Now the picture begins to <u>shape up</u> , after this latest poop. You've got <u>to shape up</u> or I will have to replace you.
891. Shape up or ship out	Conform to or obey the standards or be prepared to leave	I'll give you another chance. <u>Shape up or ship out</u> .
892. Sharp	Intelligent, smart; excelling or being very good	He's <u>sharp</u> when it comes to regulations. A good soldier is always <u>sharp</u> .
893. Shine, to	To be superior, outstanding	He has done well in the past; he should continue <u>to shine</u> .
894. Shift gears	Change a presentation or talk to better fit the level of the audience or the needs of the occasion	The speaker finally realized that he would have to <u>shift gears</u> .
895. Shift, midnight	Tour of duty from 2400 to 0800	Activities are usually quiet during the <u>midnight shift</u> .
896. Shook (up)	Upset; nervous; frightened	This is his first engagement with the enemy; he's really <u>shook</u> .
897. Shoot!	Go ahead!	If you have any questions, <u>shoot</u> !
898. Shot, to take a	To attempt; try	It's your turn <u>to take a shot</u> at it, Jim.
899. Shoot the breeze	Talk informally	The students get together during break periods and <u>shoot the breeze</u> .
900. Shoot the works	Use everything	When you commit your reserve, you <u>shoot the works</u> .
901. Shoot through, to	To cut through quickly	You should be able <u>to shoot through</u> that gap easily enough.

902. Shoot your bolt	Exhaust all resources	You must <u>shoot your bolt</u> ; the enemy is still pouring through.
903. Shortcut	A quick and easy way	After experience in any job, you get to know the <u>shortcuts</u> .
904. Shorthanded	Lacking men	Our recent losses have left us <u>shorthanded</u> .
905. Short of	Need; not all the way to	I'm <u>short of</u> ammunition. The patrol stopped <u>short of</u> the outpost about 200 yards.
906. Short-timer	One whose current tour of duty or enlistment is about to end	Since he's a <u>short-timer</u> , he'll be leaving soon.
907. Shot at; take a shot at	Try; attempt	I think I can handle the assignment; anyway, I'd like to <u>take a shot at</u> it.
908. Shotgun method	To address all possible aspects of an issue or problem, usually in a superficial manner, rather than the real issue	In giving your solution, don't use the <u>shotgun method</u> .
909. Shot in the dark, take a	Guess	The Old Man doesn't <u>take a shot in the dark</u> ; he acts on positive information.
910. Shot (to hell), all shot (to hell)	Destroyed; ruined; heavily damaged; not functioning	We'll hold on as long as we can, but some of our weapons are <u>all shot to hell</u> .
911. Shot up	Wounded; disorganized	My battalion was badly <u>shot up</u> in this attack.
912. Shove off, to	To depart; leave	I've go <u>to shove off</u> to visit the 58th and 59th.
913. Showdown, to have a	To argue a point; inspection	The Old Man is going <u>to have a showdown</u> tonight.
914. Sidelight	An interesting aspect	One <u>sidelight</u> on this captured material is the relative shortage of carbines.
915. Sidetrack	Divert from main purpose	Unverified information may <u>sidetrack</u> you in making your estimate of the situation.
916. Silver platter, on a	Without effort	The enemy won't give you that dominant position <u>on a silver platter</u> .
917. Silver lining, the	The happy part of a situation which seems difficult	Don't get discouraged; always look for <u>the silver lining</u> .
918. Sing from the same sheet of music	To all follow the same plan	That's our battle plan. Are we all <u>singing from the same sheet of music</u> ?

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919. Sit tight	Wait; do not move	Just <u>sit tight</u> until his next move.
920. Sitting pretty/pat	In a good position	Joe had a difficult time for years, but he is <u>sitting pretty</u> now.
921. Sixty-four (\$64) dollar question	The most important question	Where are his reserves? That's the <u>\$64 question</u> .
922. Size up the situation	Make an estimate of the situation	The colonel quickly <u>sized up the situation</u> and then issued his orders.
923. Sketchy	Lacking in detail	I couldn't act on such <u>sketchy</u> information.
924. Skimpy on, to be	To economize	The ammunition is low, so we'll have <u>to be skimpy on</u> it awhile.
925. Skin of your teeth, by the	Just barely succeed	Well, you took that hill <u>by the skin of your teeth</u> ; it was touch and go.
926. Skip over, to	To avoid mention of; to omit	Allow me <u>to skip over</u> the next three items; now, how about evacuation?
927. Skirt, to	To avoid; to go around	We've go <u>to skirt</u> that machine-gun nest to get at the blockhouse.
928. Slam into	Meet; engage violently	We must <u>slam into</u> the position with everything we have.
929. Slant	Idea	Here's another <u>slant</u> ; try another route.
930. Slant, have the wrong	Have an incorrect idea	You <u>have the wrong slant</u> on it; it's this way.
931. Slew of, a	A great number of	We found <u>a slew of</u> enemy troops concealed in a ravine.
932. Slide over	Explain briefly	Don't <u>slide over</u> those matters; explain them at length.
933. Slip out of the bag	Escape	In spite of our mopping up, many enemy will <u>slip out of the bag</u> .
934. Slip up on	Approach without attracting attention	Make as little noise as possible and you may be able <u>to slip up on</u> them.
935. Slip up, to	To make a blunder; to err	When you are tired and nervous, you are likely <u>to slip up</u> on your job.
936. Slot, in this	In this job	Do you have a capable officer to place <u>in this slot</u> ?



937. Slug, a	A bullet	<u>Slugs</u> were flying thick and fast during the infiltration.
938. Slugging match	An intense fight	Capturing the final objective was a real <u>slugging match</u> .
939. Slug it out, to	To fight very intensely	In fact, we had <u>to slug it out</u> for three hours before overcoming the enemy.
940. Smack into, run	Meet face-to-face	A patrol may run <u>smack into</u> enemy ambushes.
941. Smooth sailing	Easy; without trouble	The operation was <u>smooth sailing</u> over the outnumbered enemy.
942. Snafu	Confused; in a turmoil; stands for situation normal-all fouled up	Another bottleneck at the bridge? Now our plans are <u>snafu</u> for sure.
943. Snag onto	Seize; hold	<u>Snag onto</u> every inch of ground you can before you are relieved.
944. Snap decision, make a	Act hastily; decide quickly	Don't make a <u>snap decision</u> ; take some time to study the situation.
945. Snap it up!	Hurry up; go faster	You're moving too slowly. <u>Snap it up!</u>
946. Snap it up; snatch it up	Take quickly; seize an opportunity	If I had an opportunity like that, I'd <u>snap it up</u> .
947. Sneak around the end, to	To make an envelopment	One course of action is <u>to sneak around the end</u> tonight.
948. Snowball, to	To become bigger	During my absence, my work tends <u>to snowball</u> .
949. Snow job	An effort to deceive, overwhelm, or persuade with insincere or inaccurate talk	It is amusing to listen to his <u>snow job</u> .
950. Snow under	To overwhelm	We organize reliefs for our staff; we don't want <u>to snow</u> them under with work.
951. Soft spot, a	A weakness	First, find the enemy's <u>soft spot</u> , then reinforce your initial success.
952. Sorry about that	That's bad, but that's the way life is (usually used in a humorous manner)	I just heard that your car needs a lot of repair work to fix what I broke when I repaired it. <u>Sorry about that</u> .
953. Sort of	Somewhat	Every new job is <u>sort of</u> strange at first.

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954. Sound off	Complain; speak out	If you don't like the plan, this is your chance to <u>sound off</u> .
955. Soup up, to	To increase	We've got <u>to soup up</u> the attack with all available artillery.
956. Sour, go	To fail; go wrong	Keep on the lookout so that your plans don't <u>go sour</u> .
957. Spade work	Initial work; difficult jobs	The Indians on the staff do the <u>spade work</u> for the Old Man.
958. Spell out	To be specific; to explain step-by-step	Please <u>spell out</u> just what you mean so that I can understand.
959. Spinning one's wheels	Not making any progress	I'd like to know why that outfit is <u>spinning its wheels</u> .
960. Split the scene	Leave	It's time to go. Let's <u>split the scene</u> .
961. Spot, to	To discover; see; observe	Visual air reconnaissance is used <u>to spot</u> enemy movements.
962. Spot-check	Inspecting only a few of a group	Battalion commanders, during rehabilitation periods, <u>spot-check</u> equipment.
963. Spread it on (thick/ with a shovel)	Exaggerate	I like to hear him talk because of the way he can <u>spread it on</u> .
964. Spread the word	Convey a message to others	What I have told you is official. Go ahead and <u>spread the word</u> .
965. Spur of the moment	Immediately, without hesitation	Ideas which come <u>on the spur of the moment</u> can be useful.
966. Square away on the	Put in order	Let's <u>square away</u> the paperwork.
967. Squawk box	The mike/speaker of an intercom	The quickest way to inform them is to use the <u>squawk box</u> .
968. Stacked up	Backed up or stopped	The traffic is <u>stacked up</u> .
969. Stack up, to	To compare	Their new weapons appear <u>to stack up</u> well with ours in quality.
970. Stacks (of)	Lots of; a large number of; huge quantities of	Tell supply that we don't need any more of that stuff. We've got <u>stacks of</u> it already.
971. Staff it	Coordinate it among members of a staff	It sounds like a good idea. Let's <u>staff it</u> and see what people say.

972. Stake all	Put all chances of success in one effort	We could <u>stake all</u> on an atomic attack.
973. Stale, to go	To become careless; indifferent	After a long time at the same job, a man tends to <u>go stale</u> .
974. Stalemate	An impasse; a fight with no victory for either side	After three days of fruitless attack, both sides decided it was a <u>stalemate</u> .
975. Stall, to	To fail; to delay; to be delayed	Your main effort is likely to <u>stall</u> for lack of fire support.
976. Stall off, to	To delay a decision	I think he is just trying to <u>stall off</u> .
977. Stand by	Wait; reserve item, group, etc., which is held in readiness	<u>Stand by</u> . The sergeant will be here in a minute. Be sure that you have a <u>stand by</u> crew.
978. Standby	Aid; help; assistance	Your weapon is your best <u>standby</u> in a difficult spot.
979. Stand by (hold on)	Hold the phone; wait a minute	I understand. You want to speak to Martin. <u>Hold on</u> .
980. Stand pat/fast/firm	Not change one's position or location; stay where one is	We plan to <u>stand pat</u> as long as we can.
981. Start from scratch	Explain from the beginning	What happened in my absence? <u>Start from scratch</u> , please.
982. Start the ball rolling	Begin	Now for the briefing, G1; you <u>start the ball rolling</u> .
983. Stay around	Keep close; remain; wait	I'm in a hurry, but I'll <u>stay around</u> as long as possible.
984. Staying power	Ability to resist	With all those reinforcements, he'll have lots of <u>staying power</u> against our attack.
985. Stay loose	Don't get tense	Forget about past mistakes. <u>Stay loose</u> and you will be all right.
986. Step on peoples' toes	Offend or antagonize others	His greatest weakness is that he <u>steps on peoples' toes</u> too often.
987. Step up	Increase	We need to <u>step up</u> the drive before the rains come.
988. Stick around, to	To remain in the vicinity	Tell my aide to <u>stick around</u> till I get back.

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989.	Stick close; to	To be adjacent	During the foggy weather, all these planes have to <u>stick close</u> to base.
990.	Stick it out	Endure it	Can you <u>stick it out</u> till reinforcements arrive?
991.	Stick your neck out	Take a chance	Don't <u>stick your neck out</u> without thorough reconnaissance.
992.	Sticky point	Difficult situation	The question of exactly when to counterattack may be a <u>sticky point</u> sometimes.
993.	Stock answer	Easy or predetermined solution	There's no <u>stock answer</u> in such a contingency.
994.	Stop cold	Halt immediately	Our concealed minefield ought to <u>stop</u> him <u>cold</u> .
995.	Straighten out	Take corrective action	Go down there and <u>straighten out</u> that outfit, Captain.
996.	Stretch your imagination	Visualize with exaggeration	Can't you <u>stretch your imagination</u> to realize that this is possible?
997.	Stride, in	Calmly; without effort	Our main effort was so strong we took his counterattack <u>in stride</u> .
998.	Strings attached, no strings attached	No limitations; no restrictions	There are <u>no strings attached</u> . You are free to do this your own way.
999.	Stuck	Stopped; unable to make progress	We ran into a minefield and got <u>stuck</u> .
1000.	Stumped	Perplexed	That's got me <u>stumped</u> ; what's your recommendation?
1001.	Sum and substance	Result; overall situation	The <u>sum and substance</u> is that our attack is stopped cold.
1002.	Sunday punch	Best effort	Commitment of the reserve constitutes your <u>Sunday punch</u> .
1003.	Sunk	Lost; defeated	If we don't capture Hill 395, we're <u>sunk</u> .
1004.	Swamp	Overload with work; attack with a large superiority in numbers	It's OK to give the men a lot of work, but don't <u>swamp</u> them. Don't forget that the enemy has far more men than you have, and that he may try to <u>swamp</u> you.
1005.	Swap, to	To exchange	During the night, the new unit is <u>to swap</u> places with the old one.

1006. Sweat it out	To wait uncertainly; endure until the end	We'll just have to <u>sweat it out</u> until we know his atomic capability.
1007. Sweat; no sweat	Easily, without effort; no trouble	Are you in trouble? <u>No sweat</u> , sir. We can take care of the situation.
1008. Swing, to	Arrange successfully	Can you <u>swing</u> a deal to swap weapons at once?
1009. Switch	Change over to	Radio operator, <u>switch</u> over to channel B.
1010. Tackle	Study; work on	We'll <u>tackle</u> this now and have the plan ready.
1011. Tailor-made	According to specification; correct	This tank is <u>tailor-made</u> for the job at hand.
1012. Take a chance	Endanger; place in jeopardy	Don't <u>take a chance</u> with the patrol; the area is covered with mines.
1013. Take a crack at	Attempt; try	Let me <u>take a crack at</u> it with my outfit.
1014. Take a stab at	Try; attempt	This is a difficult assignment. Would you like to <u>take a stab at</u> it?
1015. Take care of	Be responsible for; be able to handle	I'll <u>take care of</u> the correspondence. I can <u>take care of</u> repairing the trucks.
1016. Take it, can	Can endure difficult situations	I admire his courage; he <u>can take it</u> .
1017. Take it easy	Relax	Don't let your problems upset you; instead, <u>take it easy</u> .
1018. Take a peek at	Look at	Now let us <u>take a peek at</u> these air photos.
1019. Taken care of	All prepared	Have you <u>taken care of</u> all details for the relief?
1020. Take off, to	To depart; departure	Jet planes need a long runway <u>to take off</u> ; their takeoff isn't fast.
1021. Take off!	Begin! Start!	It is approaching zero hour; <u>take off</u> now!
1022. Take over, to	To take the place of; to replace in command	The colonel is <u>to take over</u> the regiment today; he'll run the outfit well.
1023. Take ten: (usually, "OK, take ten.)	Take a ten-minute break	We'll talk about transportation during the next hour. OK, <u>take ten</u> .
1024. Take your pick	Choose	Here are two identical photos; <u>take your pick</u> and send me the other.

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1025.	Talk down (to)	Present something so simplified that it insults the intelligence of the listeners	These men are experienced. Don't <u>talk down to</u> them.
1026.	Talk him into, to	To influence; convince	I want <u>to talk him into</u> accepting my decision.
1027.	Talk him out of	Convince him not to	We are trying to <u>talk him out of</u> landing at night.
1028.	Tangle with, to	To engage; come into contact with	A patrol is likely <u>to tangle with</u> several infiltrating groups.
1029.	Tangled up	Incorrect; confused	Your first report has many details <u>tangled up</u> , but you'll learn.
1030.	Tear along, to	To go fast; proceed rapidly	Once we get on the paved road, we'll be able <u>to tear along</u> .
1031.	Tear down	Criticize; find fault with; take apart; disassemble	Why are you trying to <u>tear him down</u> ? Don't you like him? To find out what the trouble is, we'll have to <u>tear</u> the weapon <u>down</u> .
1032.	Tear up	Destroy; damage	If you are forced to withdraw, <u>tear</u> the bunker <u>up</u> .
1033.	Teed off; ticked off	Annoyed; angered; irritated	Man, oh man! He was really <u>teed off</u> because we were an hour late.
1034.	That's the rub	That's the difficulty	We can't get hold of any more rations anywhere; <u>that's the rub</u> .
1035.	That's tough	That's too bad	So you didn't get your promotion. <u>That's tough</u> .
1036.	That's way out	That's pretty unusual; that's pretty extreme	That's <u>way out</u> . You don't really think you can take that hill with only 15 men, do you?
1037.	That's your baby	That's your problem	Don't give me this project; <u>that's your baby</u> .
1038.	Thrash it out, to	To discuss the details	We'll need a staff conference <u>to thrash it out</u> .
1039.	Throw away the book/ throw the book away	Standard procedures won't apply in this case	This is an unusual case. You can <u>throw the book away</u> .
1040.	Throw out the window, to	To eliminate; discard	This new information means we have <u>to throw</u> all earlier plans <u>out the window</u> .
1041.	Throw the book at him	Give a severe punishment	The court will <u>throw the book at him</u> for his desertion.

1042. Throw your Sunday punch	To make your best effort	When you launch the counterattack, you've got to <u>throw your Sunday punch</u> .
1043. Thumbs down/up	Statement of disapproval/approval	The colonel gave a <u>thumbs down</u> to our proposal.
1044. Thumbnail sketch	Very general and brief description	I've only got five minutes, G2, for you to give me a <u>thumbnail sketch</u> .
1045. Thumb through	Scan; examine briefly	<u>Thumb through</u> this report and see how it looks to you.
1046. Tie down, to	To limit; restrict	The interrogation team tries to <u>tie down</u> prisoners on specific information which G2 wants.
1047. Tie in with, to	To agree with; to support	This information ought to <u>tie in with</u> what you found out.
1048. Tied up	Busy; detained	You can't see the Old Man, he's <u>tied up</u> .
1049. Tied together	Joined; related; coordinated	The work of G2 and G3 is <u>tied together</u> .
1050. Tiger by the tail; have a tiger by the tail	Have a problem that is much bigger than it was thought to be	When you tangle with their best outfit, you'll find out that you <u>have a tiger by the tail</u> .
1051. Tight squeeze	Difficult	Getting our column past that critical point on time will be a <u>tight squeeze</u> .
1052. Time is of the essence	Time is very important	Hurry that serial over the river; <u>time is of the essence</u> .
1053. Timeframe	Total time	You must stay within the <u>timeframe</u> .
1054. Time's running short	Not much time remains	Can you still do it before the deadline? <u>Time's running short</u> .
1055. Time-saver, a	A quick method to save time	During briefing sessions, charts, graphs, and experience tables are great <u>time-savers</u> .
1056. Tip, hot tip	Information; information not generally available	See Bill about your problem. He may be able to give you a <u>tip</u> on it.
1057. Tip your hand	Give advance information	Don't <u>tip your hand</u> by moving your reserves too early.
1058. Toehold, to get a	To penetrate	Once you are able to <u>get a toehold</u> , set up the Command Post.

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1059.	Toe the line/mark	Meet standards	He's the kind of leader who expects his men to <u>toe the line</u> .
1060.	Tools of his trade	Things which help one to accomplish a job	G3's thorough knowledge of division units are the <u>tools of his trade</u> .
1061.	Tooth and nail	With every means	Fighting hammer and tongs is like fighting <u>tooth and nail</u> .
1062.	Top man	The boss; the best man; the commander; the chief	Ask LTC Brown; he's <u>top man</u> in this battalion.
1063.	Topside	At higher levels; in the air above	Column cover planes normally protect a movement <u>topside</u> .
1064.	Touch-and-go	Very closely matched	The fire on both sides was <u>touch-and-go</u> until our reinforcements arrived.
1065.	Touch on	Mention	Now let's <u>touch on</u> supply; G4 will be responsible for all rations.
1066.	Tough nut to crack	Difficult problem or situation	The aggressor fortified zone was a <u>tough nut to crack</u> .
1067.	Tough time; give one a tough time	Make things difficult for a person	If the sergeant doesn't like you, he may give you a <u>tough time</u> .
1068.	Tough time, to have a	To find it difficult to do	The Engineer Company is likely <u>to have a tough time</u> putting in the bridge.
1069.	Trade him in, to	To remove or replace	My assistant is becoming very careless; I think I'll have <u>to trade him in</u> .
1070.	Traffic jam	A traffic difficulty	Maximum flow and minimum necessary controls in a traffic plan will avoid <u>traffic jams</u> .
1071.	Traffic is out of hand	Traffic is out of control	No one can get anywhere; <u>traffic is out of hand</u> .
1072.	Train three deep	Train three men for each job	During the division training program, <u>train three deep</u> in all key jobs.
1073.	Tricks of the trade	Knowledge, skills, and information known to those who perform a particular job	He does things so well because he knows the <u>tricks of the trade</u> .
1074.	Trigger-happy	Overanxious; nervous	Just prior to the assault landing, we lost three planes because of <u>trigger-happy</u> individuals.



1075.	Troop-lead the class	Instructor leads the class point by point and shows how to solve problems	As a timesaver, the instructor may <u>troop-lead the class</u> through difficult points.
1076.	Turn into	Become	Our attack could very easily <u>turn into</u> a rout of the enemy.
1077.	Turn them loose	Release	Have your tanks ready so you can <u>turn them loose</u> at the right time.
1078.	Two up and one back	Two regiments in the front lines and one regiment in division reserve	In a normal defense position, we employ our infantry regiments <u>two up and one back</u> .
1079.	Umpty-umph	Something without a specific name or number	Where's he from? From the <u>Umpty-umph</u> Battalion which just joined us.
1080.	Understudy	One who trains for another person's position	I have been reassigned; LT Smith is my <u>under-study</u> .
1081.	Under the gun	Under pressure	The Engineers, who are putting up a bridge before the line is taken, are working <u>under the gun</u> .
1082.	Under way, to get	To begin; start	The battle is about <u>to get under way</u> .
1083.	Up a tree	Undecided	I'm sure <u>up a tree</u> , Jim, whether or not to move your battalion.
1084.	Update him; Update it	Give him the most recent information on anything. Provide the most recent information.	The Old Man wants you to <u>update him</u> on your project. We need to <u>update</u> this old book.
1085.	Upended	Upset or tipped over	The table was <u>upended</u> .
1086.	Up in the air	Not yet decided or resolved	We are still awaiting orders; things are <u>up in the air</u> .
1087.	Upset the applecart	Ruin the plans	That undetected turning movement <u>upset the applecart</u> .
1088.	Up-to-date	The latest or newest information	Bring me <u>up-to-date</u> on what's happened in the last four hours.
1089.	Up to snuff	Correct; efficient	My battalion is <u>up to snuff</u> on supply economy, as far as I can see.
1090.	Up-to-the-minute	The latest information	What's the latest <u>up-to-the-minute</u> news? No change? OK!

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1091.	Up to you, it's	It depends on you	OK George, <u>it's up to you</u> and your counter-attack; give 'em your Sunday punch.
1092.	Use your head	Think intelligently	If a traffic snarl happens, Sergeant, <u>use your head</u> and send the others on that bypass.
1093.	VIP (pronounced Vee Eye Pee)	Very important person	The Corps Commander and other <u>VIPs</u> came to present awards to three men in the regiment.
1094.	Visiting firemen	Important visitors	Take those <u>visiting firemen</u> into the visitors' tent, not into G3's tent.
1095.	Wallop	A strong blow	The new 280-millimeter gun packs quite a <u>wallop</u> , even at that range.
1096.	Wallop, to	To hit strongly	If we can manage to <u>wallop</u> him with a surprise atomic attack, we've got it made.
1097.	War of nerves	War without shooting; waiting game	The <u>war of nerves</u> , during September 1939 to April 1940, was mostly a cold war.
1098.	Washed up	A failure; a person who has no future	I'm sorry for the poor man; he's completely <u>washed up</u> .
1099.	Wash out	Reject or eliminate an applicant or a trainee who has entered in training	The student was so weak in mathematics that we had to <u>wash him out</u> .
1100.	Wear two hats	Act in two or more jobs at once	There are several officers on the Division Supply Staff who <u>wear two hats</u> .
1101.	Weight, dead	Without value	That clerk is just <u>dead weight</u> in the orderly room.
1102.	Wet behind the ears	Inexperienced; new to the job (usually young)	The troops are so young, so inexperienced--they are still <u>wet behind the ears</u> .
1103.	Whale the tar out of	Defeat badly	If our reinforcements arrive in time, we should <u>whale the tar out of</u> the enemy.
1104.	Whatchamacallit	Anything whose correct name you don't know, from What You May Call It	Give me that <u>whatchamacallit</u> , the one by your left hand.
1105.	What're you driving at?	What do you mean?	<u>What're you driving at</u> by suggesting a change in leave quotas?
1106.	What's up?	What is going on?; what is the state of the situation?	Everyone seems to be in a hurry around here. <u>What's up?</u>

1107. Whip into shape	Put into condition	How long will it take you to <u>whip</u> the unit into shape.
1108. Whip, to	To beat; defeat	We must try to <u>whip</u> the enemy before winter sets in.
1109. Whip out an order, to	To publish an order quickly	The Chief of Staff told G3 to <u>whip out the order</u> at once.
1110. Whipped	Tired; defeated	I'm <u>whipped</u> ; a fellow can't work 48 hours without relief.
1111. Whole nine yards	Everything	He's in charge of the <u>whole nine yards</u> . He got blamed for the <u>whole nine yards</u> .
1112. Wind up an operation	Finish	This pursuit to the hill will <u>wind up this operation</u> .
1113. Whirlybird	A helicopter	The men were really happy when the <u>whirlybird</u> came in and hovered over us.
1114. Wild	Out of control; not in control	It was <u>wild</u> in my outfit when the war ended.
1115. Wipe out	Defeat; eliminate; annihilate (see mop up)	Our mission was to <u>wipe out</u> the last areas of resistance.
1116. Work him over	Reprimand severely; beat severely in a fight; attack heavily	We caught the enemy off balance and worked <u>him over</u> .
1117. Workhorse	Hard worker	The <u>workhorses</u> in the Pentagon are the Indians.
1118. Work it out, to	To solve	Here's the problem; try to <u>work it out</u> .
1119. Work up	Prepare a solution, an answer, etc.; advance as a result of one's efforts	Here's the problem; take your time and <u>work up</u> a solution. He's very sharp person; he'll <u>work</u> his way <u>up</u> pretty fast.
1120. Worrywart	One who worries about details	That <u>worrywart</u> will take too long to make a decision.
1121. Worth his weight in gold	Very valuable; invaluable	A good classification officer is <u>worth his weight in gold</u> when the division first receives its replacements.
1122. Wrap up	Finish; complete	They are making excellent progress and should be able to <u>wrap</u> the project <u>up</u> by noon tomorrow.
1123. Write off as lost	Consider lost, damaged, or ruined	You can <u>write off as lost</u> 25% of the tanks which take part in the attack.

1124. Yak, to	To talk idly; to chatter	The tendency <u>to yak</u> at length is not an asset to an officer.
1125. Yak yak	A great deal of unnecessary talk	His <u>yak yak</u> caused misunderstanding in the interpretation of the orders.
1126. Yardstick, as a	As a means of measurement; as a rule	Experience tables can be used <u>as a yardstick</u> to figure your requirements.
1127. You better believe it	That's really true	You are asking if he is a hot shot? <u>You better believe it!</u>
1128. You've got something there	You have an important point there	I'd forgotten that point, but <u>you've got something there.</u>
1129. You've had it	You're finished; you have no other chance	If you're under an atomic burst, brother, <u>you've had it.</u>
1130. Zap	Kill or wound with gunfire; to be zapped is to be shot	I <u>zapped</u> him before he could throw his grenade. If the enemy tries to cross the river, the helicopter will <u>zap</u> them easily.
1131. Zero hour	Critical time	The <u>zero hour</u> for this attack will be 0130.
1132. Zero in, to	To locate accurately	The mission of this battery is <u>to zero in</u> on enemy artillery positions.

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